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Memorandum

Date: June 21, 2017

From: Catharine Fitzsimmons, Air Quality Bureau Chief

To: 2017 Air Quality Program Funding Work Group

Welcome

Thank you for volunteering to participate in the 2017 Air Quality Funding Work Group. I recognize that we are asking you to take a significant amount of time to assist us in taking the next step toward developing a sustainable funding stream for the Air Quality regulatory and assistance activities.

In 2014, the Air Quality Funding Work Group (including many of you), developed a comprehensive plan to address a funding shortfall triggered by the Bureau's heavy reliance on steeply declining emissions that were the basis for funding 75% of DNR's air quality activities. One recommendation was for the State Legislature and Governor set aside \$2,000,000 to support the air quality Bureau. Unfortunately, the Legislature declined to follow that recommendation. Another prong of the recommendation was adopted and provided DNR with the authority to collect certain application and notification fees, consistent with the 2014 recommendations.

Our goal for the 2017 Work Group is the development of recommendations that will provide the next steps toward achieving a long term funding solution for the air quality program. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this challenge.

Work Group Facilitator

I am very pleased to introduce Mr. Scott Flagg as our Work Group Facilitator. Since 2010, Scott has served as the manager of the DNR Derelict Building Grant Program where he assists rural communities in the redevelopment of abandoned commercial buildings. As a member of the Financial and Business Assistance Section of the Land Quality Bureau, he has worked to successfully divert over 40,000 tons of construction and demolition materials from Iowa landfills.

Scott comes to us as a highly recommended member of the DNR Facilitators Group. Most recently he facilitated the Marketing Session of the R3 work-group, this brought together stakeholders to identify ways to increase the number of Iowan's participating in outdoor activities, like hunting, fishing, etc.

Scott holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in Natural Resource Management, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Please contact Scott if you have any questions, comments or concerns at: 515-725-8318 or Scott.Flagg@dnr.iowa.gov.