

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION[567]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to environmental covenants

The Environmental Protection Commission (Commission) hereby rescinds Chapter 14, “Environmental Covenants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 455A.6.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 17A.7 and Executive Order 10 (January 10, 2023).

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking rescinds and reserves Chapter 14. The Uniform Environmental Covenants Act found in Iowa Code chapter 455I is self-enacting. Therefore, rules are neither necessary nor expressly authorized. Rescinding this chapter has no impact on the Department of Natural Resources’ (Department’s) ability to enter into effective environmental covenants with interested landowners.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 27, 2023, as **ARC 7208C**. A public hearing was held on January 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. via video/conference call. No one attended the public hearing. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on April 16, 2024.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 561—Chapter 10.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on June 19, 2024.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **567—Chapter 14**.

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