

**SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY DIVISION[27]**

**Regulatory Analysis**

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 27—Chapter 20  
“Iowa Soil 2000 Program”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 161A  
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapters 161A and 161C and section 455A.19

*Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

July 14, 2026  
9 to 10 a.m.

Borlaug Conference Room  
Hoover State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rulemaking rescinds Chapter 20 because the rules are obsolete and have been superseded by the federal conservation planning program/process that has been adopted and is currently utilized by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) and soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs).

*Analysis of Impact*

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**
  - **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**  
No costs are incurred by the public to comply with this proposed rulemaking.
  - **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**  
No persons will benefit or be impacted by the rescission of these rules.
  
2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**
  - **Quantitative description of impact:**  
Rescission of these rules will not have any impact since the rules are obsolete and have been superseded by a federal conservation planning program that is utilized by IDALS and SWCDs.
  - **Qualitative description of impact:**

Rescission of these rules will not have any impact since the rules are obsolete and have been superseded by a federal conservation planning program that is utilized by IDALS and SWCDs.

**3. Costs to the State:**

• **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

This rulemaking has no impact on costs since these rules are not utilized (superseded by federal programs) and are obsolete.

• **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There are no anticipated effects on State revenues since these rules are not utilized (superseded by federal programs) and are obsolete.

**4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

Not applicable.

**5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

**6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

• **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable.

• **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

None were considered. These rules are no longer applicable because they have been replaced by federal programs.

*Small Business Impact*

**If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:**

• Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

• Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

• Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

• Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

**If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?**

The rescission of this chapter will have no significant impact on small business.

*Text of Proposed Rulemaking*

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **27—Chapter 20**.