

SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY DIVISION[27]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 27—Chapter 30
“Agricultural Drainage Wells—Alternative Drainage System Assistance Program”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 161A

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapter 460

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

Chapter 30 provides implementation provisions for registration, operation, and closure of agricultural drainage wells. This chapter is proposed to be rescinded in its entirety because all of the registered and known agricultural drainage wells have been closed as of 2025.

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 directly benefit from this proposed rulemaking. Chapter 30 is proposed to be rescinded.
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:**
There will be no significant impact associated with this proposed rulemaking.
 - **Qualitative description of impact:**
There will be no significant impact associated with this proposed rulemaking.
3. **Costs to the State:**
 - **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

Not applicable.

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:**

No alternative methods were considered. This chapter is no longer necessary.

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

This chapter is proposed to be rescinded because all agricultural drainage wells are now closed.

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 30.