

**61—17.2(654A,654B) Definitions.** As used in these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

*“Affected landowner”* means a landowner who has received notice of a preliminary wetlands designation from the Iowa department of natural resources.

*“Director”* means the director of the mediation service or the designee of the director.

*“DNR”* means the Iowa department of natural resources.

*“Farm borrower”* means a borrower who is any of the following:

1. An individual operating a farm as a sole proprietorship or as a member of a partnership;
2. A family farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code section 172C.1(8);
3. An authorized farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code section 172C.1(9).

*“Mediation agreement”* means a written agreement between the parties to a mediation meeting.

*“Participate”* or *“participation”* in a mediation involving the designation of wetlands means that the DNR’s representative attends the mediation meeting, listens to the affected landowner and the landowner’s representative, and discusses the following: the definitions of wetlands and protected wetlands, the criteria for designation of protected wetlands, and the reasons why the department designated all or a portion of the affected landowner’s land as protected wetlands.

*“Preliminary wetlands designation”* means the notice sent by certified mail to affected landowners informing the landowners that a portion of their land has been designated by the department of natural resources as a protected wetland.

*“Send”* means to mail by first-class mail, or certified or registered mail.

*“Tentative agreement”* means a written agreement reached by the parties in the course of the mediation meeting or meetings.