

**265—26.7(16) Administration.**

**26.7(1)** The recipient shall maintain records that document all costs associated with the project. The recipient shall provide access to these records to the authority, the department, the auditor of the state of Iowa, the EPA, the Office of the Inspector General at the EPA, or their agents or designees upon request. The recipient shall retain such records and documents for inspection and audit purposes for a period of three years from the date of the final loan payment.

**26.7(2)** The recipient shall provide the authority, the DNR, or their agents or designees access to the project site on request for the duration of the loan to verify that the funds are being used for the purpose intended, that the construction work meets applicable state and federal requirements, and that the project is being operated and maintained as designed.

**26.7(3)** The recipient's accounting procedures shall conform to generally accepted government accounting standards.

**26.7(4)** The authority may, for cause, find that a recipient is not in compliance with the requirements of the program. Remedies for noncompliance may include penalties up to and including withholding of or return of loan funds. Findings of noncompliance may include but are not limited to the use of loan funds for activities not described in the application for the grant; failure to begin construction within one year of execution of a loan agreement; or failure to comply with any applicable state or federal rules, regulations, or laws.

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