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### Fiscal Services Division

#### Fiscal Update Article

## Environmental Protection Commission Meeting — September 2026

September 24, 2026

### Meeting

The [Environmental Protection Commission \(EPC\)](#) met on September 15, 2026. The agenda for this meeting is available at the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) [website](#). The following topics were discussed:

### Contracts

The EPC approved the following contracts:

- A contract amendment with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS) not to exceed \$82,000 to designate additional Section 319 federal funding to support a Watershed Protection Project at Trout Run and Siewers Spring. Funding for the contract will come from federal Section 319 grant moneys.
- A contract with DALS not to exceed \$300,000 to designate federal Section 319 funding to support the Protect Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project. Funding for the contract will come from federal Section 319 grant moneys.
- A contract with DALS not to exceed \$500,000 to designate Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant funds for the Clarinda and Panora county public water supplies. The funds will be used to reduce the impact of harmful algal blooms and the cyanotoxins they can produce, which qualify as emerging contaminants. Funding for the contract will come from federal EG-SDC Grant moneys.
- A contract with Union County Conservation not to exceed \$160,000 to complete timber stand and grassland management on lands adjacent to source water reservoirs and other lake resources in Union County. Funding for the contract will come from an Environmental Protection Agency Farmer-to-Farmer grant.
- A contract with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) not to exceed approximately \$360,000 to retain the USGS to assist the DNR in the collection of real-time surface water flow and water quality concentrations. Funding for the contract will come from the Environment First Fund.

### Other Items

The EPC approved the following other items:

- Water Allocation and Use program annual permit fees.
- A Solid Waste Alternatives Program contract recommendation for approximately \$100,000 to the City of Ames to construct a new Resource Recovery and Recycling Campus to manage recycling, yard waste collection, household hazardous materials, and municipal solid waste.

- Derelict Building Program grant recommendations for grants to the City of Princeton for \$80,000 and the City of Thornton for approximately \$60,000.
- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Intended Use Plan.
- A Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) to amend [567 IAC 60](#) pertaining to wastewater construction and operation permits.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [567 IAC 2](#) pertaining to public records and fair information practices.
- A NOIA to create 567 IAC 2506 pertaining to contested cases.

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