LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION REQUEST REGARDING WASTE MANAGEMENT

Responses provided by the Department of Natural Resources – September 2007

1. What are the guidelines in the law for dumping construction materials?

Construction Materials is a pretty broad area. Generally speaking, these materials are a solid waste as defined in 455B.301(19). Disposal of solid waste can only occur at a permitted sanitary disposal project. However, the definition also says that dirt, stone, brick, or "similar inorganic material" are not prohibited for fill, landscaping, excavation or grading at places other than a sanitary landfill. Administrative Rules Chapter 567-108 "Beneficial Use Determinations: Solid By-Products as Resources and Alternative Cover Material" contains the regulations describing how a solid waste can be used in an application that is not landfilling.

2. How many times does a county have to complain to the DNR before a permit is terminated?

There is nothing in the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative code addresses number of complaints. The Department's Field Office staff respond to all complaints. The findings from their investigations may include a determination that a permit should be terminated. Upon receipt of a notice of rescission the permit holder can under Iowa Law appeal the determination.

3. Is Prairie Meadows required to have a manure management plan? If not, how is the manure disposed?

In accord with the agreement worked out between Randy Clark, DNR attorney, and the Prairie Meadows attorney, Prairie Meadows is not required to have an MMP. They are required to submit an annual fee and show proof that they're covered by a IDALS Chapter 200 license. The agreement Randy Clark worked out allows them to take this manure/bedding to Metro Park East SLF or Metro Compost (1601 SE Harriet) for composting. They are covered by the MWA Ch. 200 license #13291. The bedding is hauled by Waste Management Inc.

4. Could the DNR please provide an update on human waste disposal since the implementation of HF 834?

See the attachment dated August 30, 2007 - "Report on the Implementation of HF 834, Commercial Septic Tank Cleaners, IAC567 – Chapter 68"