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## DNR Seeks Input On Oil, Gas, and Metallic Mineral Rules

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## DNR Seeks Input On Oil, Gas, & Metallic Mineral Rules

As a valued stakeholder, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking your input on changes to Iowa's Oil, Gas, and Metallic Mineral (OGMM) administrative rules. Please join us on July 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the 6200 Park Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa in the Pikes Peak conference room. You may participate in-person or virtually as noted below.

### Background

During the last legislative session, [Iowa Code Chapter 458A](#) was [updated](#) to include the regulation of naturally occurring, non-petroleum/hydrocarbon gases. As a result, the current [Iowa Administrative Code 561 Chapter 17](#) must be updated to reflect the changes to Iowa Code. Further, we have been directed to complete this update yet this calendar year as part of the Executive Order 10 (EO 10), signed by the Governor on January 10, 2023.

This process requires all state agencies to conduct comprehensive evaluations of administrative rules, and identify which rule chapters will be retained or rescinded. The process includes public engagement to provide recommendations and feedback.

For your reference, you can view the [proposed draft to Chapter 17](#), including [red line comparison](#) to the current chapter.

### Invitation

The DNR's Land Quality Bureau would appreciate your input at this meeting, which will include the presentation of the key proposed changes to IAC 561 Chapter 17. The DNR's goal is to have the proposed rule drafted by July 31, 2024 with an anticipated effective date in the spring of 2025.

To participate in the meeting, please see the meeting information below. For more information about EO 10, please see the FAQ's below.

We value your input as a stakeholder and want to thank you in advance for your participation in this process. If you have any questions, please use our dedicated EO 10 solid waste [email](#). Also, feel free to forward this email on and share the information with others in the industry.

Your EO 10 OGMM Team,

Michael Sullivan, Matt Graesch, Theresa Stiner, Amie Davidson, Brian Rath, and Sharon Wegener

## Meeting Information

### Date and Time

July 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Any person with special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments who wishes to participate in this meeting should promptly contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or [Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov) to advise of specific needs.

### Virtual Option

Click this [Google calendar invite](#) or download the invite [here](#) for other platforms and add to your calendar. You may also click this [link](#) and follow the on-screen instructions to join. We recommend that you log in about 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to ensure sufficient time to get setup.

If you prefer to join by phone, call +1 347-470-2933 and use PIN 383 766 048#. More phone numbers and other options are available [here](#).

If you need further assistance, please call (515) 537-4051.

### In-Person Option

If you plan to attend in-person, please RSVP by [emailing us](#) prior to the meeting as seating is limited. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes early so we have enough time to escort you from the lobby to the meeting room.

When you arrive, visitor parking and entrance are near the northeast corner of the building. Please check in at the receptionist desk.

[Meeting Address](#): Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 6200 Park Ave., Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50319

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## Frequently Asked Questions

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.

### What is EO 10?

EO10 was signed by the Governor on January 10, 2023 and requires all state agencies to conduct a comprehensive evaluation and rigorous cost benefit analysis of existing rules to evaluate their public benefits, whether the benefits of the rules justify the cost, and whether there are less restrictive alternatives to achieve their intended goal. Each administrative rule chapter will either be rescinded, revised or combined with other chapters..

### How does EO 10 impact stakeholders?

The Land Quality Bureau (LQB) of the DNR is responsible for all solid waste related rules, including OGMM, sanitary landfills, compost facilities, appliance recycling, and much more. The EO 10 process requires the DNR, in consultation with stakeholders, to review each rule and develop proposed changes to reduce regulatory burden. This may include changes to the current rules, combining the current rules, or rescinding the current rules, which in turn can impact you as a stakeholder.

### Can stakeholders provide input?

Yes, the EO10 process requires public engagement, including the opportunity for stakeholder input throughout the process.

The early stakeholder outreach phase, which we are currently in, is an opportunity for you to shape the direction of rules before staff finalize the language. Due to the condensed schedule, this early outreach phase will occur in July.

However, there will be additional opportunities to comment on specific rule language later in the process.

You can provide written comments any time through our dedicated EO 10 [email](#).

### Where can I learn more about EO 10?

The LQB has created an EO 10 webpage, which will be the information hub for all things EO 10. Please bookmark [LQB EO 10 rulemaking webpage](#) and check back often.

### How do I stay informed?

As the recipient of this email, you are already part of our EO 10 OGMM and Solid Waste Email Newsletter. To manage your subscription, please refer to the directions at the bottom of this email. Also, please check the [LQB EO 10 rulemaking webpage](#).

## What is the schedule?

The proposed revisions will be presented to the Governor's office by August 31, 2024, and to the Environmental Protection Commission in November 2024. The new rules and recisions are expected to become effective in the Spring of 2025. Although minor changes can be made after it has been presented to the Governor's office it is our intention to have consensus on the bulk of the changes before then.



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