

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

POLICY/PROCEDURE STATEMENT

TOPIC: Public Notice of Ambient Air Violations

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Applicable Code of Iowa or Iowa Administrative Code Rule: None

Attachments: None

REASON OR BACKGROUND

The Public has a right to know when their community is impacted by air emissions. State government as protectors of our natural resources should inform the public of a monitored exceedence and a violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). A violation of these standards has environmental, public health, and economic impacts. Distribution of information to the public of an exceedence and a violation will increase acceptance of voluntary reductions and keep the community from nonattainment status.

DETAILS

When the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determines there has been a monitored exceedence(s) of the NAAQS which may result in a future violation, the Department will issue a press release to the media in the area affected explaining the exceedence and list the common sources of that pollutant and the health impacts. When there is a violation of the NAAQS, the Department will have a public meeting within 30 days. The meeting explains the common sources of the pollution, the health problems and the action that may be taken by the Department.