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Dear Linn County Air Quality Stakeholders:

Linn County Public Health’s (LCPH) Air Quality Branch (AQB) has several highlights and announcements to share. Stay up to date with AQB news by visiting www.linncleanair.org and watch for an announcement this fall about the AQB’s website move to www.linncounty.org.

COVID-19 Business and Industry Assistance and Guidance

LCPH provides COVID-19 health and safety guidance for local businesses and industries. Please contact LCPH at 319-892-6000 or visit [Linn County Public Health’s Reopening Guidance](#) webpage for more information.

Payment Submittal with Invoice Number

Annual permit renewal invoices will be mailed to businesses in mid-July and are enclosed with the hardcopy of this letter. Please include the invoice number with your payment. Payments not received by the due date will receive a FINAL NOTICE invoice that will assess the late payment fee.

Invoice number example:

Please detach at perforation and return with payment

Make Check Payable/Remit To:

LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
 1020 6TH STREET SE
 CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52401

Air Permits Renewal Invoice

Company Number: 12
 ABC MANUFACTURING
 Invoice: APR-1146
 Amount Due: \$405.00
 Date Due: 08/08/2020

Include Invoice # on check

APR-1146

If you prefer to pay with credit, payments are accepted over the phone. The service charge for payments up to \$50 is \$1.50 with payments over \$50 incurring a 3% charge for the total amount paid with the card. To charge by phone call Mary L. at 319-892-6005.

New Building Location and In-Person Office Visits

Linn County Public Health is now located in the Harris Building located at 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. The Air Quality Branch is on the third floor of the building.

Until further notice, Linn County buildings including the Harris Building where the Air Quality Branch is located, is open to customers by appointment only. Customers entering the building must wear a face covering, agree to a temperature check, and answer health screening questions. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 319-892-6000. Linn County encourages customers to continue to complete transactions remotely either online or over the phone.

Ownership Change Notification and Updated Forms

Air quality permits are not transferable between owners. An ownership change [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) is available at www.linncleanair.org under the “Business & Industry” tab and Application Forms drop down menu. The ownership change documents are located at the bottom of the page. Please contact the AQB with questions.



Most permit application and compliance forms have been updated including the addition of two new forms: CE7 (Dry Filter Control Equipment) and CE8 (Mist Eliminators). When submitting applications or reports, please visit: <http://www.linncleanair.org/Content/Business-Industry/Application-Forms.aspx> to download the most recent forms.

Compliance Inspections, Enforcement Discretion, and Email Submittal

Routine air inspections have resumed. Until further notice, AQB inspectors will contact facilities at least one day prior to the inspection to determine the PPE requirements for entering the facility. Every attempt will be made to maintain six (6) feet of separation from plant personnel as well as avoiding confined control rooms, monitoring trailers, and elevators when possible. There will be a limited on-site records review and LCPH staff may request compliance records be submitted electronically for review. Complaint investigations will continue to be unannounced.

Since the end of March 2020, federal, state and local regulators have been exercising enforcement discretion for environmental legal obligations during the COVID-19 public health emergency. EPA will terminate their temporary enforcement policy on August 31, 2020 and the Iowa DNR's policy expires on July 25, 2020. LCPH will suspend its COVID-19 enforcement discretion in the near future. An update will be posted on www.linncleanair.org. Please contact Shane Dodge at 319-892-6015 if you have any questions.

A reminder that the AQB accepts all compliance related forms, notification, and reports via email at the following address: ComplianceReporting-Air@linncounty.org. Please include the facility name, report typed, and reporting period in the subject line of the email. ***This dedicated email address is not for permit applications.***

Re-organization of the Air Quality Branch

The Ambient Air Monitoring (AAM) program has been incorporated into the AQB with the recent retirement of Laboratory Branch Supervisor, Kyle Lundberg. Kyle successfully led the program for over 38 years. The AAM program continuously monitors air pollution in Linn County. This data is used for several purposes, including regulatory policy making, demonstrating compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards, identifying pollution trends, and advising the public when the ambient air may be unhealthy for sensitive groups and the general public.

Easy Air

The DNR's electronic air permitting services (Easy Air) went live on January 2, 2020. Linn County has been working with EnfoTech to implement our own module of Easy Air for digital submission of local construction permit applications. While the scope and schedule are still under negotiation, the general goals of this project are to (1) implement a portal for the submission and retention of local construction permit, and (2) ultimately transition to 100% electronic submittal of all applications. Linn County is coordinating with the DNR and Polk County to develop a smooth implementation and transition schedule.

Iowa Waste Reduction Center Services

Do you own or work for a small business? The Iowa Waste Reduction Center offers ***free and confidential*** environmental consultation to small businesses throughout Iowa. During the review, an IWRC specialist tours the facility to learn about operations and current waste management practices. The specialist provides a free and confidential final report only to the business. The IWRC can assist small businesses with calculating air emissions, Clean Air and Clean Water Act regulations, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, hazardous waste, recordkeeping, solid waste, storm water, wastewater, and more. Visit IWRC's website at <https://iwrc.uni.edu> for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Please contact the AQB at 319-892-6000 with any outdoor air quality related questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Linn County Public Health
Air Quality Branch