

**DNR REGULATORY AGENDA FOR SFY 2008  
FORM FOR REGULATORY ACTION DESCRIPTION**

**Rule Making Authority**      Director   
Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)   
Natural Resource Commission (NRC)   
Energy & Geological Resource Division

**Title of Regulatory Action**      Agency Contracts

**Rule Chapter(s) that may be involved**      561 IAC Chapter 8; 567 IAC Chapter 8 and 571 IAC Chapter 8 by reference

**Description of Contemplated Regulatory Action**

(Including, to the extent reasonable and practicable, alternatives to be considered and preliminary estimate of costs and benefits of the Action)

Review service contracting rules, construction rules and acquisition of goods and services to conform to new legislation regarding construction and accountable government. Bring in conformance and congruence with DAS rules, possibly through adoption by reference or other incorporation. Clarify minimal thresholds for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection commissions' review and approval of contracts. Provide a mechanism to provide additional consideration to projects also part of Iowa Great Places agreements. Will also review the timber bonding program to ensure the rules are still appropriate. Adoption by reference of 561 IAC Chapter 8.

**Legal Basis**

(Include whether action is required by statute or court order)

Required by adoption of Iowa Code chapter 26 (related to public improvements) and the Accountable Government Act, related to contracts in general.

**Need for Regulatory Action**

(Include if applicable how the action will reduce risk to public health, safety, or the environment)

Create better contracting processes in the Department.

**Other Affected/Interested Rule Making Authorities**

DAS, Emergency Management Division

**Potential Public Groups Impacted**

Contractors and other service providers.

**Schedule:**

(Actions & month/year)

Tentative  
EPC/NRC informational item by October 2007.  
Notice of Intended Action to be filed by November 2007.  
Public hearings in December 2007.  
Final rule to EPC/NRC by March 2008.

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