

Sample Letter to Legislators

Senator (Representative) xxxxx
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator (Representative) xxxx,

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is proposing a major change in how wastewater facilities operate. The new water quality standards will have a serious financial impact on my community and its residents.

By the DNR's own estimates, this rule will cost as much as \$1 billion and will provide little to no improvement to Iowa's water quality. Residents will have their monthly sewer bills increased by as much as \$70 per month.

The DNR has repeatedly rolled over to threats of lawsuits from the environmental community and threats from EPA of losing state jurisdiction over our water quality programs. This is not an issue that should be decided through rulemaking. The Iowa Legislature needs to debate appropriate water quality standards, not a small group of citizens appointed to the Environmental Protection Commission.

I urge you to stop DNR from moving forward on these rules. I am willing to do my part for cleaner water but this rule will not accomplish that.

Sincerely,