

New Water Well Construction Wastewater Rules and General Permit #6 became effective March 17, 2010

The 82nd State General Assembly passed legislation which required the Department to write new rules and develop a new General Permit to authorize the discharge of well construction and well services related wastewater. The rule making process has been completed and starting on March 17, 2010, rule amendments to 567 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 64 and the new [National Pollution Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) General Permit #6 \(GP6\)](#) are in effect.

GP6 requires the use a Well Water Pollution Plan (WWPPP) and the use of best management practices (BMPs) to adequately address the treatment needs of the wastewater before it reaches Waters of the United States. In addition, if your well construction/service project requires the services of an engineer, an engineer must also develop and certify the WWPPP and any revisions to the WWPPP that are needed to adjust the BMPs to ensure adequate wastewater treatment. Well construction/service projects will be exempt from the requirements of GP6 if the wastewater generated during the activity does not reach Waters of the United States.

The Iowa DNR has a new web site to provide additional information regarding GP6, WWPPPs and associated support documents. The web site can be found at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/npdes/gp6.html>. As the web resources are updated you will receive additional notifications that will inform you of any changes and provide web links to support documents.

If you have colleague who should have the information contained within this article, please forward this email to them so that they can subscribe to the listserv. If you are receiving this email from a colleague, you can have well discharge information and program updates sent directly to your email inbox by joining the DNR Iowa Well Discharge Listserv. To subscribe, send a blank E-mail to: join-IAWellDischarge@lists.ia.gov.

For information about GP6 and other associated documents please see the [website](#) or contact:

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