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**RE: Notice of Overdue Balance - Council Bluffs Shooting Range**

1 message

**Dessie Redmond** <dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov>

Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 8:17 AM

To: "Nellesen, Shelly" &lt;shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;

Cc: "Bucklin, Jake" &lt;jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, Mike Sullivan &lt;michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, "Reis, Jon" &lt;JReis@eocene.com&gt;

Good morning-

Yes!

The City will assume the responsibility of the LRP requirements provided the property is awarded an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant to clean-up contaminated soil. Due to the recent federal government shutdown, the grant application submittal date has been pushed back to January 28, 2026. In previous years when the EPA brownfield grant applications were due in November, awards were announced in May with money eligible to be spent beginning October 1. If the same award announcement and grant timelines are followed, October 1, 2026 is when money could begin being spent on the project. Work would begin immediately. It is anticipated that EPA grant-specific approvals, DNR LRP approvals, SHPO concurrence, contractor/project bidding, and contractor-required submittals would be received for cleanup to begin by April 1, 2027. Cleanup will be completed in approximately six months. If the grant application is not successful, property ownership will revert back to the previous owner and the City would not assume the responsibility of the LRP.

The former shooting range property currently has dense cover (more than 70% vegetative cover over 100% of the site) which resulted in the General Permit No. 2 for the property (NPDES No. 43392-42995) being suspended in August 2024.

Please let me know if you need any other details or information!

Thank you,

**Dessie E. Redmond**

Housing &amp; Economic Development Planner

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**From:** Nellesen, Shelly <shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 7:10 AM**To:** Dessie Redmond <dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov>**Cc:** Bucklin, Jake <jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov>; Mike Sullivan <michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov>; Reis, Jon <JReis@eocene.com>**Subject:** Re: Notice of Overdue Balance - Council Bluffs Shooting Range

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Good morning Dessie,

Has there been any updates on the outstanding documents?

Thanks,

**Shelly Nellesen**  
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On Mon, Nov 17, 2025 at 2:25 PM Nellesen, Shelly <[shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov)> wrote:

Dessie,

Thanks for that submittal. DNR's last letter stated that in addition to the PA, we would require an updated anticipated timeline for completion of the LRP actions and assurance that the site is not currently presenting a hazardous condition until it is remediated. Once that's received we can review and process the PA.

Thanks!

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On Wed, Oct 29, 2025 at 2:41 PM Dessie Redmond <[dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jake-

Please see attached!

Thank you,

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**From:** Bucklin, Jake <[jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 2:50 PM  
**To:** Dessie Redmond <[dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mike Sullivan <[michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov)>; Reis, Jon <[JReis@eocene.com](mailto:JReis@eocene.com)>; Shelly Nellesen <[shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov)>  
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Sure thing, see attached and let me know if you have any questions or need to discuss further.

Thanks!

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On Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 1:15 PM Dessie Redmond <[dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jake-

Can you please send a new copy?

Thank you!

**Dessie E. Redmond**

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**From:** Bucklin, Jake <[jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 7:47 AM  
**To:** Dessie Redmond <[dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov)>  
**Cc:** [rrhoden@hondaofomaha.com](mailto:rrhoden@hondaofomaha.com); Reis, Jon <[JReis@eocene.com](mailto:JReis@eocene.com)>; Mike Sullivan <[michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov)>; Jessica Montana <[jessica.montana@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jessica.montana@dnr.iowa.gov)>; Angie Clark <[angie.clark@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:angie.clark@dnr.iowa.gov)>; Andrea Kathol <[andrea@fielddaydev.com](mailto:andrea@fielddaydev.com)>  
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Hi Dessie-

Absolutely we can. Do you still have the Participation Agreement that we sent you? We will need the city to submit a new PA with the city named as the enrollee in order to transfer the LRP program to the city. If you don't have it any more just let me know and I can send you a new copy.

Thanks!

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On Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 4:23 PM Dessie Redmond <dredmond@councilbluffs-ia.gov> wrote:

Hi Jake-

Andrea is working with Rod to get this paid. Can we please work on transferring the enrollee to the City since the City owns the property now (option a as stated in the letter)?

Thank you,

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**From:** Bucklin, Jake <jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 12:47 PM  
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**Cc:** Reis, Jon <JReis@eocene.com>; Mike Sullivan <michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov>; Jessica Montana <jessica.montana@dnr.iowa.gov>; Angie Clark <angie.clark@dnr.iowa.gov>  
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Good Afternoon-

Please see the attachment for a DNR Letter regarding the status of the Council Bluffs Shooting Range Site in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thanks!

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