

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUANCE OF A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR
IPL - OTTUMWA MIDLAND LANDFILL**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of NPDES permit no. 9000107 for the Iowa Power and Light (IPL) - Ottumwa Midland Landfill (OML). The address of the facility is 15300 130th St, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.

The DNR issued a public notice on December 17, 2025 of a tentative decision to issue this permit. The notice was distributed as required by the Code of Iowa and the Iowa Administrative Code. The written comment period for the tentative decision ended on January 16, 2026. Comments were submitted during the comment period regarding the discharge of groundwater from beneath the landfill liner, and commenters requested a public hearing.

The DNR will hold an informal, non-contested case hearing regarding the proposed permit on Thursday, February 19, 2026. At 11:00 a.m. central time, the DNR will begin the public hearing and will accept oral comments for the record. The hearing is open to the public and will be held virtually via Google Meet.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kem-spdq-swh>

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The purpose of this hearing is to accept comments on whether the permit should be issued with requirements different from those in the proposed permit. The DNR will consider only comments relevant to the proposed permit when determining whether to issue the permit and deciding what requirements must be met.

Each person will be allowed three (3) minutes to present an oral comment at the hearing. DNR staff will not respond to questions or comments at the hearing but will prepare written responses to questions and comments when a final determination on the permit is made. Written comments will not be accepted at this time, as the public comment period was open from December 17, 2025 through January 16, 2026. Therefore, only oral comments will be accepted for the record.

Wastewater from OML Outfall 001, the discharge point subject to this proposed permit, is discharged at 41° 4' 30.4" N, 92° 27' 1.1" W into a series of wetlands to unnamed creek #1 to unnamed creek #2 to the Des Moines River, in Wapello County, Iowa. At the discharge point, the wetlands are designated as general use, which are intermittent watercourses, which typically flow only for short periods of time following precipitation and whose channels are normally above the water table. These waters do not support a viable aquatic community during low flow and do not maintain pooled conditions during periods of no flow.

Questions regarding the hearing may be directed to Wendy Hieb at wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov. The proposed permit and other relevant documents may be viewed online using the Wastewater Permit Information Exchange (WWPIE) system at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/wwpie/>. Select "DRAFT" in the permit status dropdown box when performing a search, and click on the facility name to view the relevant documents.