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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3165)

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6 consultation with the department of management, state building
7 code commissioner, and state fire marshal, shall develop
8 standards and methods to evaluate design development documents
9 and construction documents based upon ~~the-energy-efficiency~~
10 ~~rating-system-for-public-buildings, and other~~ life cycle cost
11 factors, to facilitate fair and uniform comparisons between
12 design proposals and informed decision making by public
13 bodies.

14 Sec. 2. Section 455B.173, subsection 8, Code 2005, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 8. Formulate and adopt specific and detailed statewide
17 standards pursuant to chapter 17A for review of plans and
18 specifications and the construction of sewer systems and water
19 supply distribution systems and extensions to such systems not
20 later than October 1, 1977. The standards shall be based on
21 criteria contained in the "Recommended Standards for Sewage
22 Works" and "Recommended Standards for Water Works" (Ten States
23 Standards) as adopted by the Great Lakes-Upper Mississippi
24 River board of state sanitary engineers, design manuals
25 published by the department, applicable federal guidelines and
26 standards, standard textbooks, current technical literature,
27 and applicable safety standards. ~~The-material-standards-for~~
28 ~~polyvinyl-chloride-pipe-shall-not-exceed-the-specifications~~
29 ~~for-polyvinyl-chloride-pipe-in-designations-D-1784-69, D-~~
30 ~~2241-73, D-2564-76, D-2672-76, D-3036-73, and D-3139-73 of~~
31 ~~ASTM-(American-society-for-testing-and-materials)~~
32 ~~international.~~ The rules adopted which directly pertain to
33 the construction of sewer systems and water supply
34 distribution systems and the review of plans and
35 specifications for such construction shall be known

1 respectively as the Iowa Standards for Sewer Systems and the
2 Iowa Standards for Water Supply Distribution Systems and shall
3 be applicable in each governmental subdivision of the state.
4 Exceptions shall be made to the standards so formulated only
5 upon special request to and receipt of permission from the
6 department. The department shall publish the standards and
7 make copies of such standards available to governmental
8 subdivisions and to the public.

9 Sec. 3. Section 455B.304, subsection 17, Code 2005, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 17. The commission shall adopt rules to establish a
12 special waste authorization program. For purposes of this
13 subsection, "special waste" means any industrial process
14 waste, pollution control waste, or toxic waste which presents
15 a threat to human health or the environment or a waste with
16 inherent properties which make the disposal of the waste in a
17 sanitary landfill difficult to manage. Special waste does not
18 include domestic, office, commercial, medical, or industrial
19 waste that does not require special handling or limitations on
20 its disposal. Special waste does not include hazardous wastes
21 which are regulated under the federal Resource Conservation
22 and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6921--6934, or hazardous wastes
23 as defined in section 455B.411, subsection ~~37-or-hazardous~~
24 ~~wastes-included-in-the-list-compiled-in-accordance-with~~
25 ~~section-455B-464~~.

26 Sec. 4. Section 455B.335, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
27 amended by striking the subsection.

28 Sec. 5. Section 455B.412, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
29 amended by striking the subsection.

30 Sec. 6. Section 455B.461, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 2. "Hazardous waste" means hazardous waste as defined in
33 section 455B.411, subsection ~~37-and-section-455B-464~~.

34 Sec. 7. Section 455B.482, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 3. "Hazardous waste" means hazardous waste as defined in
2 section 455B.411, subsection 3~~7~~~~-and-under-section-455B.464~~.

3 Sec. 8. Section 455B.484, subsection 11, Code 2005, is
4 amended by striking the subsection.

5 Sec. 9. Section 558.69, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2005,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 With each declaration of value submitted to the county
8 recorder under chapter 428A, there shall also be submitted a
9 statement regarding whether any known private burial site is
10 situated on the property, and if a known private burial site
11 is situated on the property, the statement shall state the
12 approximate location of the site. The statement shall also
13 state that no known wells are situated on the property, or if
14 known wells are situated on the property, the statement must
15 state the approximate location of each known well and its
16 status with respect to section 455B.190 or 460.302. The
17 statement shall also state that no known disposal site for
18 solid waste, as defined in section 455B.301, which has been
19 deemed to be potentially hazardous by the department of
20 natural resources, exists on the property, or if such a known
21 disposal site does exist, the location of the site on the
22 property. The statement shall additionally state that no
23 known underground storage tank, as defined in section
24 455B.471, subsection 11, exists on the property, or if a known
25 underground storage tank does exist, the type and size of the
26 tank, and any known substance in the tank. The statement
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28 section 455B.411, subsection 3, or listed by the department
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32 rules adopted by the department of natural resources. The
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7 hazardous waste on the property, the county recorder may
8 destroy the statement. The land application of sludges or
9 soils resulting from the remediation of underground storage
10 tank releases accomplished in compliance with department of
11 natural resources rules without a permit is not required to be
12 reported as the disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste.
13 Sec. 10. Sections 455B.220, 455B.332, 455B.333, 455B.464,
14 and 473.40, Code 2005, are repealed.

EXPLANATION

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16 This bill eliminates certain duties of the department of
17 natural resources.

18 The bill eliminates certain material standards for
19 polyvinyl chloride pipe for purposes of planning and
20 specifications for the construction of sewer systems and water
21 supply distribution systems and extensions to such systems.

22 The bill eliminates the department's duty to develop
23 comprehensive plans and programs for the state for the
24 management of hazardous waste. The bill eliminates the
25 department director's duty to compile, annually, a list of
26 certain hazardous wastes for adoption by the environmental
27 protection commission. The bill eliminates the department's
28 duty to develop and implement programs which result in
29 widespread adoption of waste minimization programs by
30 hazardous waste generators.

31 The bill eliminates the department's duty to establish a
32 statewide building energy efficiency rating system.

33 The bill eliminates the department's duty to establish
34 policy for, provide for the proper methods for, and issue
35 permits for the transportation, storage, handling, and

1 disposal of radioactive material for the purpose of protecting
2 the public health and safety.

3 The bill repeals Code section 455B.220 relating to the
4 requirements for certification without examination of
5 operators of water treatment plants and water distribution
6 systems. As a result, all operators will be required to take
7 an examination for certification.

8 The bill makes conforming amendments.

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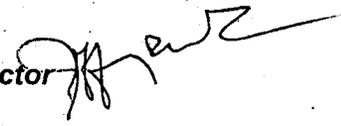


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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
JEFFREY R. VONK, DIRECTOR

MEMO

TO: General Assembly
From: Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director 
Date: January 12, 2006
RE: Technical Code Changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to rescind 445B.412(1), 455B.464 and 455B.484(11) which outline several requirements in the Code related to the development of plans and management of the RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) Subtitle C (hazardous waste) program. Since this is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency managed program that has not been delegated to the state of Iowa, the federal government has responsibility for these requirements.

The DNR also proposes to rescind 473.40 related to the establishment of statewide energy efficiency rating systems. The DNR received federal funding and adopted a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) for residential buildings in 1999. HERS is a voluntary inspection that any homeowner has the opportunity to purchase if they choose. Builders constructing new homes in Iowa today commonly use the ENERGY STAR Builders Option Package (BOP) rating system.

In 1999, the DNR worked with an advisory committee to investigate the viability of developing rating systems for commercial and industrial buildings. The advisory committee determined that it was not feasible to develop rating systems for these sectors due to the variability of building types and uses. Today, Iowa is a member of the US Green Building Council, a national nonprofit organization that rates and certifies buildings using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria. In addition, environmental management systems are being used by industrial facilities to benchmark their environmental performance based on their own potential for improvement, including energy efficiency.

Finally, the DNR proposes to rescind sections of 455B, Division IV, Solid Waste Disposal, Part 2, Radioactive Waste. The Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Transportation have the authority over the use and transportation of radioactive material/waste in Iowa. This authority is granted to the Iowa Department of Public Health in Code of Iowa Chapter 136C and Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. The Iowa Department of Transportation adopts federal hazardous materials regulations by reference in 761 IAC 520(321) [40CFR 100, 107, 171, 172, 173, 177, 178, 180]. The Iowa Department of Public Health is the lead agency for responding to spills involving radiological substances in Iowa.

The DNR currently delegates its authority to the Iowa Department of Public Health through a 28E agreement. Once the sections are deleted, the 28E agreement will no longer be necessary. This legislation will not rescind the code sections pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources' authority related to siting of radioactive disposal sites.