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Air Quality Program Technology Updates Iowa Strategic Goals Program May 24, 2022

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Focus on recent and upcoming air program changes associated with:

- Electronic records access
- Electronic permit applications and reports
- ESD Dashboards



#### **Electronic Records Access**



# Electronic Records: Goals

- Pandemic taught us that it's an always "ON" digital world.
- People expect to have 24/7 access to the tools they need to conduct business, including public records.
- DNR Goals:
  - All public records available on-line in next 2 years.
  - Working towards digitizing all paper records and not generating new paper records.



## Electronic Records: Current Status

- Transitioning from legacy DocDNA electronic records storage system to new Open Text storage system
- Access both systems at: <u>https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air-Quality/Public-Records-Air-Quality</u>
- Since Feb 4, new records uploaded to Open Text only

   DocDNA accessible throughout transition
- Transition expected to be complete by Summer 2022



#### **DocDNA Searches**

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#### **Open Text Searches**

- Web-based interface used to access Open Text: <u>https://programs.iowadnr.gov/documentsearch/</u>
- Allows easy searches by a variety of meta data:
  - Facility number or facility name.
  - Program (Air, Land, Water)
  - City or county
- Search an individual program or all programs (with additional programs as they are added).
- Bonus: Includes TV records



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## **Other Online Searches**

- **EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal:** Permits and applications submitted in EASY Air.
- <u>Construction Permits</u>: Air construction permits by city, county or facility name.
- **Operating Permits:** Draft and final Title V operating permits.
- <u>Ambient Air Monitoring Data:</u> Reports on current and historical air quality measurements.
- **<u>Air Emissions</u>**: Air emissions and trends in air emissions.
- <u>Iowa Administrative Rules for Air Quality</u>: See section 567, chapters 20 - 35.



# Are there other ways to access records?

 Yes: You may submit a request for public records via the Iowa Information and Public Records Request Portal:

https://iowaopenrecords.nextrequest.com/requests/new

- OR:
  - E-mailing <u>DNR.Records.Request@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
  - By phone: 515-725-8480
  - By mail
  - Submit requests in person at the DNR Records Center



#### Coming soon...

- Digitize microfilm and microfiche records
   Upload to Open Text
- AQ Records & Reporting (AQRR) Web Application
   Project with DNR AppDev Team
  - Records portion completed
  - Reporting- submit TV semi-annual and annual reports electronically
  - Will include CPS



### **Electronic Permit Applications and Reports**





- Iowa <u>Environmental</u> <u>Application</u> <u>Sy</u>stem for Air (EASY Air)
  - Went live December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Electronic application system for air construction permits and TV operating permits
- Staff use system to review and issue permits
- Public Access Portal:
  - <u>https://programs.iowadnr.gov/easyair/Public/GovEnt/Shar</u>
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#### Current Iowa EASY Air Use



#### Construction permit applications: (12 month rolling total ending May 9)

| Submittal Method | Major source<br>applications | Minor source<br>applications | Total |  |  |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Online           | 91%                          | 72%                          | 82%   |  |  |
| Paper            | 9%                           | 28%                          | 18%   |  |  |

#### Title V permit applications: (12 month rolling total ending May 12)

| Submittal Method | Initial & Renewal<br>Applications | Minor & Significant<br>Modifications | Total |
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| Online           | 94%                               | 59%                                  | 77%   |
| Paper            | 6%                                | 41%                                  | 23%   |



# Air Electronic Submittals Rulemaking

- Require electronic submittals of permit applications and emissions inventories beginning Jan 1, 2023
  - EASY Air and SLEIS
  - Major sources already required to use SLEIS
  - Rule effective May 11, 2022
- Outreach focus leading up to Jan 1:
  - FAQs and list servs
  - Revamping eAirServices webpage (<u>https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air-Quality/eAirServices</u>)
  - EASY Air Enhancements



#### EAirServices Webpage

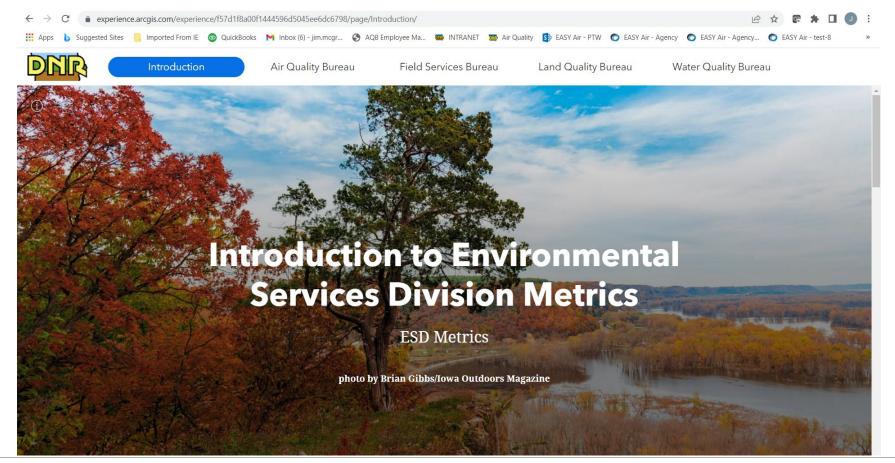
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# **Environmental Services Dashboards**

 Link to dashboards at: <u>https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-</u> <u>Protection</u>



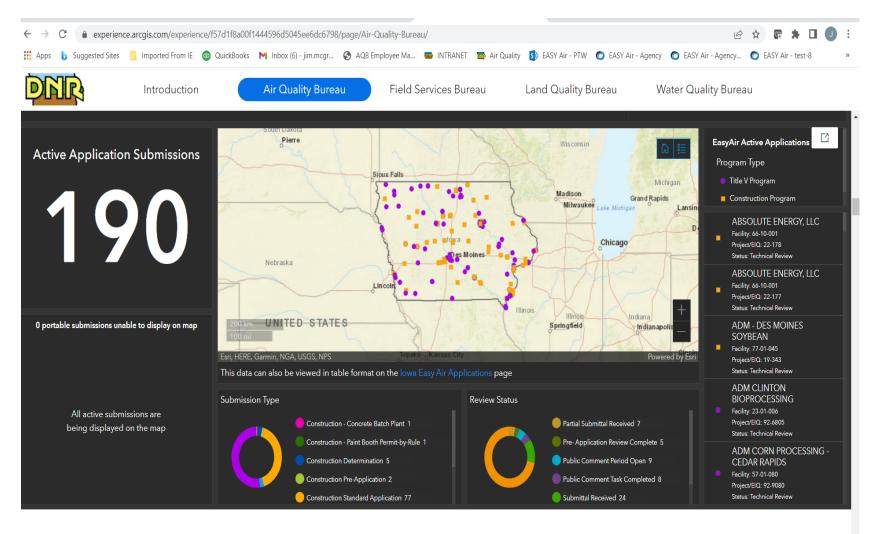


# Air Quality Dashboard Metrics

- EASY Air: Active permit application submissions
- Asbestos Notifications
- Pollutant Emissions: Major and minor point sources
- GHG emissions summaries
- AirNow: Ambient Air Quality Monitoring



#### **Active Permit Application Submissions Dashboard**







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