

DISASTER PLANNING A DNR PERSPECTIVE

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2015 BIRD FLU & STORMS

In 2015 during the Avian Influenza response the state had several areas of severe weather.

- FEMA questioned several disaster response reimbursement requests.
- Improper burn site locations
- Unapproved disposal methods
 - Chipping
 - Disposal in place
 - Ash



SOLVING THE PROBLEM

FEMA, HSEMD and DNR staff met to work through the issues.

- Review and approve disposal sites and options
 - Some were fine
 - Some needed the DNR to use “Enforcement Discretion”
- Work with FEMA and HSEMD to insure future compliance.
 - This lead to the development of a disaster debris packet.



DNR DISASTER INFORMATION PACK

To streamline the process a Debris Management Certification Form was developed.

- **1 page form (not required)**
 - Check Box & fill in the Blank
 - Some options require DNR approval
- **Part of a Disaster Information Packet**
 - Includes disposal options and requirements
 - Includes door hanger template



CERTIFICATION FORM

The Form is:

- 1 page (not required)
- As simple as we can make it
 - Check box for options
 - Fill in the blank
- Lists the information the DNR needs to approve your chosen disposal option(s)



COVERED ON FORM

- **Burning**
 - Exemption A – Disaster rubbish during a declaration
 - Exemption B- Tree and Tree Trimmings
- **Chipping & Grinding**
- **Beneficial Use**
- **Landfilling**
- **Ash**



HOUSEHOLD WASTE

- **Curbside Collection - Separating waste streams at the curb.**
 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - Appliances
- **Drop-off Collection – Taking waste to a site**
 - Still want to separate waste streams
 - Responsible entity must control site

FIELD OFFICES

Coordinate and Contact the local field office anytime – 515-725-8694

- **Field Office 1 (NE) – 563-927-2640**
- **Field Office 2 (NC) – 641-424-4073**
- **Field Office 3 (NW) – 712-262-4177**
- **Field Office 4 (SW) – 712-243-1934**
- **Field Office 5 (SC) – 515-725-0268**
- **Field Office 6 (SE) – 319-653-2135**



PRE-PLAN

- Determine if your burn site meets DNR requirements
 - Ask the local field office to take a look
- Do you have an area where you can stage
 - Drop-off collection
 - Staging area for disposal
- Work with other agencies when planning
 - State – HSEMD, DNR, DOT
 - Others – Landfill, HHW collection site



ASBESTOS



Asbestos no longer attached to the building is still asbestos but is not covered under NESHAP regulations.



RESOURCES

- DNR's Disaster Assistance Website:
www.iowadnr.gov/Disaster
- Homeland Security Emergency Management Website:
www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/
- FEMA - www.ready.gov/
- EPA - www.epa.gov/natural-disasters
- DNR Field Services Emergency Response

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