

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

END OF SESSION, 2009

UNSEWERED REVOLVING LOAN FUND	Creates an unsewered community revolving loan program and fund. The program provides no interest loans of up to 40 years to install sewage disposal systems in areas where no sewage disposal system exists. HF 468 – Signed, Effective 7-1-09
WIND ENERGY TAX CREDITS	Modifies requirements for wind energy production tax credits under Iowa Code chapter 476B and the renewable energy tax credit under Iowa Code chapter 476C. The bill creates a credit for medium sized projects. Wind energy tax credits are extended to colleges, universities, elementary and secondary schools, or hospitals as “qualified facilities.” The bill requires a study to determine if eligible wind projects currently on the tax credit waiting list are still seeking the tax credit. Multiple small changes are made to wind energy tax credits to more effectively utilize the credits. SF 456 – Signed, Various Effective Dates
WATERSHED AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT	Adds watershed management and flood mitigation to the duties of the Watershed Improvement Review Board and the Water Resources Coordinating Council. The bill allows inclusion of additional flood mitigation and watershed management experts to water protection programs. The Mississippi River Partnership Council is created in the bill as a forum for elected officials and stakeholders to discuss matters relevant to the Mississippi River. HF 756 – Signed, Various Effective Dates
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	Requires a person having control of a hazardous substance to be strictly liable for cleanup costs and damages. The bill details the procedures for bringing hazardous waste actions. Any money collected by the Department of Natural Resources for hazardous waste actions is deposited in the hazardous waste remedial fund. Money collected by other state agencies or political subdivisions are retained to offset the costs of the emergency response activities related to the hazardous condition. SF 328 – Signed, Effective 7-1-09

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HF 826	Changes the appointment of the voting members of the Comprehensive Recycling Task Force and adds additional members and issues to be considered. (Signed; Effective 7-1-09)
SF 339	Makes multiple changes to wastewater treatment programs, projects, and regulation. (Signed; Various Effective Dates)
SF 423	Allows retail dealers to use a dispenser installed with a secondary containment system to dispense high ethanol content fuel. (Signed; Effective 7-1-09)