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## Upcoming RCRA Changes and How They'll Affect Your Business

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the law that oversees the proper management of hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste, is seeing some major updates go into effect on May 30, 2017. A majority of the rules within RCRA are from amendments made in 1984 so this marks the first time in over 30 years that we're seeing major changes that affect our clients.

In total, there are over 60 changes implemented through the Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule. It reorganizes the regulations to make it easier to understand and address ambiguities in an effort to improve compliance throughout the business community. Additionally, the updates provide greater flexibility for hazardous waste generators to manage waste in a cost-effective manner through episodic generation and Very Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste – Large Quantity Generators (VSQG-LQG) consolidation provisions. [Read More](#)



### Minor Source Emissions Inventory Assistance

MSEI season is underway. Portable plants and facilities in the central third of Iowa must submit their 2016 MSEI by May 15, 2017. IWRC's Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program has many resources available to help including tutorials, calculators, checklists, and even one-on-one training sessions at no charge for Iowa businesses with less than 100 employees. Visit [iwrc.uni.edu/msei](http://iwrc.uni.edu/msei) to access these resources, get your questions answered and even sign up for training.

### Lark Brewing Achieves Silver Level Certification

Last week, the IWRC announced Lark Brewing as the second certified establishment to be

approved through the Iowa Green Brewery Certification. The Waterloo brewery received a silver level status. [Read More](#)

## Food Waste Project Featured in BioCycle

We're excited to share that BioCycle featured the Rural Iowa Food Waste Reduction Project highlighting the results from the K-12 schools we worked with in Iowa. Read the full article at [Tackling Food Waste in Iowa's K-12 Schools](#).

## Four Iowa Selected to Participant in New Food Waste Project\*

Our current food waste project, funded by the Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is underway and four Iowa rural communities have been selected to receive food waste reduction assistance - Lamoni, Bloomfield, Postville and Chariton. [Read More](#)



### [Spring AGC Day](#)

March 28 | Des Moines, IA

### [Biocycle East Coast](#)

April 4-7 | Baltimore, MD

### [Graceland University Food Citizen Symposium](#)

April 14 | Lamoni, IA

### [Midwest Food Recovery Summit](#)

September 6-8 | Des Moines, IA

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

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### | Iowa Air Quality |

[Updated SLEIS Training Videos Now Available Online](#) (Iowa DNR)

### | Food Waste |

[Reducing Food Loss and Waste Earns the Average Business a 14:1 ROI](#) (Food Tank)

### | Business |

[The Hunt for Iowa's Next Great Idea](#) (Iowa Public Radio)

### | Automotive/Collision Repair |

[BodyShop Business Now Accepting Nominations for 2017 Executive of the Year](#) (BodyShop Business)

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