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## Report to the Story County Board of Health February 3, 2026

### Aquatic Program

- Indoor pool inspections will be starting soon – Matt stated they will be done by April 1
- Outdoor pools will begin at the end of May/Beginning of June and typically done by July

### Indoor Air Quality 2026

- January promotion was exceptional this year! We once again did the first 10 days as free kits and then the rest of the month at \$5 (roughly half price) for Story County residents and employees.
- 48 kits were handed out by the 6<sup>th</sup> for what we had in stock and another 72 were requested by January 12<sup>th</sup>. By the time the order came the remaining 28 were spoken for. Another order of had to be placed.
- **As of the 26<sup>th</sup> approximately 158 kits have been requested.**
- We received a lot of support and appreciation for providing the promotion and having the kits available. We also received several calls from people in other counties asking if their counties offer the same thing.
- Unexpected increase is likely due to the Cancer in Iowa report and attention radon is receiving nationally in addition to promotional activities done by the department.

### Onsite Program

- Permit Info (2026):
  - 8 New & 1 Alteration applications
  - 4Time of Transfer (TOT) inspections reviews
  - 0 tanks pumped for regular maintenance – 3 pumped due to TOT

### Tanning Program

FY 26

- Routine inspections are underway to be Done by April 1

### Tattoo Program

FY 26:

- Routine inspections are underway to be done by April 1

## Well Program

### **FY26 – Q2**

- 9 well permits issued (5 water supply, 3 geothermal, 1 Dewatering, 0 test wells)
- Q2 Claim to be submitted by 1/30/26
- Re-Allocated an additional \$50,000, amendment fully executed

\* The following metrics were not submitted by the time this report was submitted as the claim is still being worked on – results will be provided at the meeting regarding the PWG

- \_\_\_\_\_ wells sampled:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ various analyte tests ran:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Coliform: \_\_\_\_\_ pass / \_\_\_\_\_ failed ( \_\_\_\_\_ fecal coliform)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Nitrate: \_\_\_\_\_ fail
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Total Arsenic: \_\_\_\_\_ samples failed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ well Arsenic Speciation Testing
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Manganese: \_\_\_\_\_ over MCL
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Fluoride: \_\_\_\_\_ over MCL
  - \_\_\_\_\_ wells plugged / \_\_\_\_\_ cistern plugged / \_\_\_\_\_ well rehab
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Chlorinated / \_\_\_\_\_ Assessments

## Joint Department Reviews

FY 26:

- 26 Plat & Survey Reviews
- Many Reviews completed through Citizenseve:
  - \*Transition to new system started, but reports not available at this time

## Department & Staff

- Matt and Laura attended IOWWA Septic Conference in Cedar Rapids Jan 7-8
- Kimberly started NACO's High Performance Leadership Academy Jan 5 (runs through March)
- Marty started January 14<sup>th</sup>
- All Staff attended a DMACC training virtual Lunch & Learn January 14<sup>th</sup> – basics of onsite
- All Staff attended a virtual training from IPIB: Public Meetings and Open Records - January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Kimberly and Laura attended DMACC Lunch and Learn January 28 – gravelless technologies
- All staff continue to be involved with various committees internally and externally (Laura: Prairie Rivers Work Group, Matt: Safety & Green Team, Kimberly: IEHA, Public Health Conference of Iowa Planning Committee, Watershed work groups)

## Miscellaneous & Upcoming

- Feb 4, budget work session scheduled with the Board of Supervisors
- EH Admin position – Marty Gartin started January 14<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by Kimberly Grandinetti on January 28, 2026