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DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors has been carefully monitoring the situation that is developing regarding the dumping of toxic waste from the Doon oil spill at the Waste Management Landfill located in rural Dickinson County.

Following the July 24th Board of Supervisors Meeting, State Representative John Wills and the Board of Supervisors were in contact with Governor Kim Reynolds Office concerning the transportation and deposit of contaminated soils from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Lines (BNSF) to the Dickinson County Landfill. The Governor's Office, in direct response to the Board's concerns, issued instructions to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to locate another landfill that would and could take the contaminated soil.

Governor Reynolds also instructed the IDNR to set up a meeting of that Department, Waste Management, the Rail line and Dickinson County Officials. On Friday, July 26, the Supervisors were advised that BNSF preferred to meet with the state agencies and the County before any agreement to change locations. That meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Doon, Iowa.

In the meantime, Supervisors Johnson and Leupold met on Sunday, July 29, 2018 with an environmental consultant to receive advice on other actions available to the Board and the potential ramifications of this contaminated soil.

Representative John Wills has also made contact with a mutual acquaintance of the owners of BNSF to see if there might be an opportunity for private intervention.

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors will be posting on the County website a letter from BNSF.

Additional information from the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors will be forthcoming as it becomes available.
