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January marks National Radon Action Month. Every January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges everyone across the United States to test their homes for radon gas.

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The Cedar Rapids facility that deals with sewage-called wastewater-is reaching the end of its lifespan. This week, the EPA invited the city to apply for a $218 million loan to help pay for renovations at the Water Pollution Control Facility. The city first approved the start of $480 million dollar improvement project in March 2020 for the facility on Bertram Road SE, along the Cedar River.

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The EPA is extending what started off as a 60-day public comment period as it considers adding Lake of the Ozarks to its list of impaired waterways in Missouri. High nutrient levels in the lake are why the discussion's happening.

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After years of failing inspections and being denied permits for the toxic waste they are producing an Ethanol Plant outside of Mead might be on its last legs as recently introduced Legislation looks to make their unique operation illegal here in the state.

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After fielding two years of complaints about an ethanol plant near Mead, State Sen. Bruce Bostelman said it was time to seek some resolution. On Tuesday, Bostelman, who represents the Mead area, introduced a bill that would prohibit the use of "treated seed corn" in the production of ethanol.

[ HYPERLINK "http://bit.ly/3ivaTYp" ]

Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) is raising awareness by asking communities to declare January as Radon Action Month. Widespread community awareness about the dangers of radon will help keep all communities safer from the risks of lung cancer.

[ HYPERLINK "http://bit.ly/38ZxOrC" ]

U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-04) has joined the Biofuels Caucus, a bipartisan group of lawmakers focused on supporting biofuels producers by defending the Renewable Fuel Standard and fighting for expanded access to higher biofuel blends.