

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

2012 Air Update Workshop

Environmental Assistance for Businesses

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Presentation Outline

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Resources available through NDEQ

- NDEQ's Compliance Assistance Program
- Compliance Assistance Resources
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 - Nebraska SBCAP

Other Resources Available

- Consultants
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NDEQ Compliance Assistance Program

Mutual goal:
a healthy
environment
for our
families,
communities
and our
state.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is committed to providing compliance assistance to the regulated community

What Assistance is Available?

- Explaining regulations
- Permitting
- Technical assistance with reports
- Contacts for other agencies
- Informative resources

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The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is required by statute and is committed to providing compliance assistance to the regulated community. By having staff members whose primary function is providing assistance and integrating the practices of compliance assistance into all NDEQ functions, effective assistance is available to Nebraska businesses that promote regulatory compliance and ultimately enhances Nebraska's environment.

As the state's lead environmental agency, the NDEQ has knowledge of and access to many of the resources and tools available to help you achieve and go beyond your environmental compliance obligations.

Compliance assistance is available in many forms and on a variety of topics. The NDEQ's assistance program is available to help you understand, comply with, and potentially surpass the environmental regulations. Some of the areas where the NDEQ can provide assistance are:

- Determining what permits you may need to apply for and who the NDEQ contact is for those permits;
- Providing assistance for permit applications, emission inventories, discharge monitoring reports and other required documents (**NDEQ does not replace the need you may have for a consultant**);
- Explaining regulations and their application to your situation;
- Listing contacts in other federal, state, or local agencies that you may need to contact for assistance;
- Providing informative Fact Sheets, Guidance Documents, pamphlets, websites and many other environmental resources; and
- Identifying energy conservation, waste reduction, and other pollution prevention measures you can take that may result in reducing your regulatory requirements.



Compliance Assistance Resources

Lots of resources are at your disposal!

Compliance Assistance Team

- Small Business Public Assistance, (402) 471-8697
- Air, (402) 471-3305
- Water, (402) 471-4220
- Ag, (402) 471-8131
- Waste, (402) 471-4210



Air

- AirNews
- Air Quality E-mail, NDEQ.AirQuality@Nebraska.gov
- Air Quality Permit Hotline, (877) 834-0474

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Small Business and Public Assistance (SBPA) Program Coordinator. The SBPA program provides air, waste, and water environmental assistance to the regulated community and the public. The SBPA program is a general clearinghouse for information about and contacts for environmental programs administered by the NDEQ and other local, state or federal agencies and will help you get to the right people to answer your questions. The SBPA program also maintains a current list of consultants providing environmental services.

Air Quality Environmental Assistance Coordinator. The Air Quality Environmental Assistance Coordinator can help you interpret and understand the federal and state air quality regulations that may apply to you. If you have questions related to emission calculations, the air permitting process, or completing air permits applications, the assistance coordinator will be able to help you. This staff member will also perform on-site compliance assistance visits, when requested, to provide specific air quality information related to your business.

Water Quality Program Assistance. Due to the great variety of water quality related assistance available, you will be directed to the appropriate NDEQ water quality staff when calling. The NDEQ can provide water quality assistance or guidance for groundwater protection; septic system installation and maintenance; wastewater treatment system operators' training, system engineering and discharge requirements; livestock waste control requirements (**Ag**); storm water regulatory requirements; and surface water quality issues.

Waste Management Environmental Assistance Coordinator. The Waste Management Environmental Assistance program provides regulatory and waste minimization assistance to business, government, and individuals. The assistance coordinator can help solve your regulatory questions about hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste. This staff member can answer questions about how to do waste determinations, how the waste regulations apply to your situation, and finding appropriate disposal options.

Air Quality Permit Hotline. The Air Quality Permit Hotline was established to enhance customer service. The hotline is available to assist permit applicants in completing new applications. The hotline staff will answer questions related to permit forms, fees, pre-application meetings, emission calculations, the permitting process, and the status of your permit application.

Air Quality E-mail. NDEQ now has a new email address, NDEQ.AirQuality@Nebraska.gov, you can use to contact the Air Division with questions and/or comments regarding permitting, compliance, or outreach.

AirNews Page. The Air Division has created a new webpage on the NDEQ website devoted to Air Quality news and resources. Here you will find current events, important dates, the most recent AirNews Listserv notification and Listserv archives. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to listserv@listserv.nebraska.gov with SUBSCRIBE DEQ-AirNews your name - in the body of the message (leave the Subject line blank). Additionally you will find links to the Air Toxics Notebook, NSPS Notebook and other useful tools.

NDEQ Regulatory Staff. Much of the assistance the NDEQ provides is through the interaction of the regulated community with the NDEQ's inspection, engineering, and permitting staff members. Oftentimes during permit development or on-site inspections, environmental issues arise either within or outside of the individual NDEQ staff member's area of expertise. The NDEQ's regulatory staff will provide you with guidance for addressing these issues or refer you to the appropriate NDEQ staff.



SBPA Program

Call the SBPA
Coordinator
at
(402)
471-8697.

Small Business and Public Assistance Program

- Assistance Program - CAVs
- Public Advocate
- One-Stop Permitting Program
- Coordinates the Small Business Compliance
Advisory Panel



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The SBPA program coordinator serves as the NDEQ's Public Advocate (who serves as the ombudsman for the purposes of the Clean Air Act), and in this role can assist you if you have concerns or problems.

While the SBPA program does not issue permits, it does include a One-Stop Permitting program that is designed to help you evaluate what NDEQ permits you may need to apply for and the process you need to follow during the application process. The One-Stop Program coordinator will get all those who may be involved with permitting of a facility together to talk to the business representative and his/her consultants. More on this program later in the presentation.

More on the Nebraska Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (SBCAP) later as well!

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Environmental Alert - June 7, 2012
Two Lakes on Health Alert for Toxic Algae
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Welcome to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

We hope you find our site informative and helpful. Our mission is to protect the quality of Nebraska's environment - our air, land, and water resources. We enforce regulations and provide assistance, but to fully accomplish this vital mission we need your assistance. We encourage you to work with us to ensure future generations can use and enjoy the precious natural resources we enjoy today.
 Please take a few minutes to view a report on [Your Environment](#)

Pipeline Map Books at Local Libraries:
"Online Meeting" on the Web

June 1, 2012 - Map books are now available in six libraries to provide the public with an additional method to view detailed information regarding the proposed Keystone XL pipeline route corridor. In addition, NDEQ has developed an "Online Meeting" that presents information that was discussed at four public information meetings in May. For more information see [Press Release](#), or visit the project page at <https://acmp.nebraska.gov/deq-ssa>

Liquid Fertilizer Containment:
Some Important Reminders

\$1.8 Million Awarded for
Tire Collection, Recycling Projects

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To find assistance on the NDEQ webpage, look in the left toolbar. Other helpful resources can be found under the "Publications and Forms" link, as well as the "Focus on Air" link.



Small Business Public Assistance

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Assistance

NDEQ understands that public service is a cornerstone of our mission as a state agency. NDEQ offers a variety of assistance to help people understand and comply with state and federal environmental laws and regulations. Because there are many programs involved in providing assistance, NDEQ's Environmental Assistance Division can help you find the most appropriate service. Listed below are the kinds of assistance we provide, as well as some helpful resources and directories. Those looking specifically for financial assistance, such as grants and loans, should go to the [Financial](#) portion of this web site.

- Small Business & Public Assistance**
Provides air, waste, and water environmental assistance to the regulated community and the public.
- One-Stop Permit Assistance Program**
(Part of the Small Business and Public Assistance Program listed above.) Helps those who may need permits evaluate what they may need to apply for and understand the application process.
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Provides state oversight and assistance to property owners, prospective buyers, developers, lending institutions, or others wishing to initiate voluntary environmental clean up activities.
- Brownfields Assistance - Section 170(a) Assessments**
Brownfield Assistance provides preliminary environmental assessments to determine if there is contamination on a property.
- Nebraska Environmental Partnerships Program**

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Compliance Assistance Visits

CAVs are voluntary!



For more information, call (402) 471-8697.

Compliance Assistance Visits (CAVs)

- Differ from compliance inspections
- Voluntary, requested by the facility
- Conducted by assistance providers
- Provide assistance and guidance



- End product is report identifying deficiencies

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Upon your request, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality compliance assistance staff will come to your facility and meet with you and others in your organization. During a compliance assistance visit (CAV), we can advise you of your regulatory obligations and inform you of possible options to achieve and maintain regulatory compliance and/or direct you to other experts.

The substance of a CAV may be a general overview or an examination of specific program or program components. These visits are **voluntary**, and **normally conducted in response to a request**. A CAV will rarely result in enforcement activity, and the facility personnel are usually not required to respond to Department on the report's findings. However, if the assistance provider identifies a violation which constitutes an imminent and substantial threat to the environment, or discovers a violation the facility had been warned about previously, the CAV would end and formal inspection would likely follow.

The end product of a CAV is a report that identifies deficiencies found during the visit, offers options for the facility's consideration to resolve the deficiencies.



One-Stop Permit Program

We don't
want to be
holding you
up!



NDEQ's One-Stop Program

- Who? You, your consultants, and NDEQ staff
- What? A meeting – an opportunity to describe what you want to do, and for NDEQ to discuss regulatory and permitting requirements
- When? The earlier, the better
- Where? Meet in person or via conference call
- Why? The permitting process is complicated

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Unsure of what permits you need? The NDEQ One-Stop Permitting Assistance Program will get you to the right people and get your questions answered; all in one stop!

The One-Stop Permit Assistance program was established to serve as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes; bringing together appropriate staff to address your questions or concerns, and to ensure your inquiries receive a timely response. The one-stop program also coordinates activities with other state, federal or other assistance organizations and regulatory programs in an attempt to address questions and concerns in a comprehensive manner on your behalf.

For more information, read the NDEQ brochure "*What Every Nebraska Business Should Know About Environmental Permits*"



Nebraska's SBCAP

If you have a concern or question, let the SBCAP know.

Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

- Comprised of small business owners and representatives
- Advises the Department impacts of regulations on small businesses and the department's assistance programs
- List of members found on NDEQ's website under *Assistance and Small Business and Public Assistance* links



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The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel is comprised of seven people: two representatives from the general public selected by the Governor, four representatives from small business selected by the Legislature, and one department representative selected by the Director.

The panel has four functions:

- 1) to evaluate the effectiveness of the Small Business and Public Assistance program and to identify any obstacles that may cause it to become less effective,
- 2) to provide feedback on outreach and education methods provided by the program,
- 3) to review written documents developed by department programs to ensure the information is understood by the lay person, and
- 4) to provide a liaison between the state's small business community and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Current members of the Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel include:

- 1) Jim Hellbusch - Duo Lift Mfg. Company, Inc; Columbus, NE; (402) 463-3129
- 2) Steve Rexroth - Miracle Workers Auto Collision; Lincoln, NE; (402) 474-7355
- 3) Jack Schreiner - Bruckman Rubber; Hastings, NE; (308) 278-2769
- 4) Joe Ferguson - Northeast Community College; Norfolk, NE; (402) 844-7236
- 5) Sharon Heuftle - South Central Economic Development District; Holdrege, NE; (308) 995-3190
- 6) Rick Bettger – House of Mufflers and Brakes; Omaha, NE; (402) 496-4399
- 7) Tim Doyle – Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality; Lincoln, NE; (402) 471-4603



SBCAP Contacts on the Web

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Consultant's Directory

The Consultants Directory, can be found on NDEQ's web site.

Directories

- www.deq.state.ne.us
- Consultant's Directory
- Other directories as well



Disclaimers

- There may be other consulting companies that provide similar services; these are the ones that have asked to be posted on NDEQ's Consultants Directory.
- The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality does not provide any recommendations regarding which businesses to work with.

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The purpose of the consultants directory is to provide the public a comprehensive listing of consultant/engineering firms organized by the environmental services they provide. A company entry includes all information that was provided by the company to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, including a company representative, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address. The directory is listed alphabetically and is also sub-divided by specialty. Each section lists alphabetically the companies that provide specific services.

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Directories

Consultants' Directory
Listing of consultant/engineering firms organized by environmental services they provide

On-site (Septic and Lagoon) Directory
Listing of those who are certified to do on-site work for septic and private lagoon systems.

Recycling Directory
Listing of recyclers and the services they provide.

Waste Service Provider Directory
Listing of those who provide solid and hazardous waste services to businesses and individuals.

Assistance Coordinators and Hotlines

Air Quality Permit Hotline	(877) 534-0474
Air Quality Environmental Assistance Coordinator	(402) 471-3305
Waste Management/Environmental Assistance Coordinator	(402) 471-4210
Water Quality Program Assistance	(402) 471-4229
Small Business & Public Assistance Program Coordinator	(402) 471-5697
Agriculture Compliance Assistance	(402) 471-8131

For more information specific about compliance assistance, go to [NDEQ Compliance Assistance Program](#)

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- EPA – www.epa.gov
- Small Business Environmental –
www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org
- NICE –
neice.wordpress.com
- NBDC –
nbdc.unomaha.edu
- P2RIC – www.p2ric.org
- WasteCap –
www.wastecap.org



The websites listed in the slide are just a few of the many resources available on the Internet. All have excellent environmental regulatory, pollution prevention, and sustainability information for businesses. The first two are national, but the latter four are Nebraska focused.

- 1) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- 2) Small Business Environmental Home Page
- 3) Nebraska Industrial Council on the Environment (NICE)
- 4) Nebraska Business Development Center (examine the SBDC's Manufacturing Extension Program)
- 5) Pollution Prevention Regional Information Center (P2RIC)
- 6) WasteCap Nebraska



Questions?

Just
remember,
**we're from
the
government
and we're
here to help!**

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Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Francis. If we are not available, contact other members of the Compliance Assistance Team, or contact the department directly and the receptionist will get you to someone who can answer your question!