

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND PUBLIC MEETING
STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY (NDEE)
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stats. §81-1505(17), §84-907, and §84-1411, the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will hold a meeting and public hearing on June 15, 2021 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Central Time (CT) at 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska. Preceding the hearing will be business items on the agenda. The hearings are scheduled to begin at 11:00 A.M. CT or as soon thereafter as can reasonably be heard. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony and evidence about the proposed amendment of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 State Revolving Fund Clean Water and Drinking Water Intended Use Plan (2022 IUP) as outlined in this notice.

The meeting agenda and a draft copy of the proposal scheduled for hearing are available at the NDEE's Lincoln office, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Lincoln, NE and on the NDEE website at <http://dee.ne.gov>.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the public hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments by mail addressed to: EQC, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922 or electronically to NDEE.eqc@nebraska.gov prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if received by 5:00 P.M. CT, June 14, 2021.

Please notify the NDEE at least one week in advance of the EQC meeting if auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations or alternate formats of materials are needed. Contact phone number is 402-471-2186. TDD users call 800-833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call us at 402-471-2186.

A public hearing will be held on the following:

1. The proposed 2022 IUP and Project Priority Lists for determining loan recipients under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). This document is developed by the NDEE, with DWSRF priority system and list as provided by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health. The proposed 2022 IUP is presented to the EQC in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15,152, Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-5321, Title 131 – Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Construction Assistance Program, and the federal Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts. The proposed 2022 IUP describes how Nebraska intends to use money available in the two funds for making loans to qualified recipients for assistance in construction needs. The 2022 IUP includes a Project Priority Rating System and Fiscal Year 2022 Funding List for each of the funds, and an Interest Rate System. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public testimony and EQC approval of the 2022 IUP. The EQC will vote to adopt, amend, or modify the 2022 IUP after hearing and considering all the testimony and written submissions.