

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

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 and Executive Order No. 20-36, the EQC will hold a web meeting and public hearing on January 27, 2021 beginning at 10:00 A.M. Central Time (CT). The meeting and hearing will be conducted electronically via web meeting. Public and media should send an email by 3:00 PM CT, January 26, 2021 to NDEE.eqc@nebraska.gov to attend the web meeting. The purpose of the hearings is to take testimony and evidence about the proposal outlined in this notice.

The meeting agenda and a draft copy of the proposal scheduled for hearing are available on the NDEE website at <http://dee.ne.gov> or by telephoning the NDEE office at 402-471-2186 to request a copy.

All interested persons may attend the web meeting and testify during the public hearing. Interested persons should provide notice in advance to attend or testify at the web meeting by sending an email to NDEE.eqc@nebraska.gov not later than 3:00 P.M. CT, January 26, 2021. Interested persons may also submit written comments online to NDEE.eqc@nebraska.gov prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if received not later than 3:00 P.M. CT, January 26, 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. Amendment to the 2021 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority Lists for determining loan recipients under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (IUP). The amendment would allow the NDEE to offer as low as 0% interest and 0% administration fee on new loans should current economic conditions warrant such program changes and provide additional loan forgiveness on new loans. The IUP is developed by the NDEE 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 EQC approved the 2021 IUP on June 25, 2020, after a public hearing. The 2021 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 purpose of the hearing is to accept public testimony and EQC approval of the proposed amendment to the 2021 IUP. The EQC will vote to adopt, amend or modify the proposed amendments to the 2021 IUP after hearing and considering all the testimony and written submissions.