

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND PUBLIC MEETING
STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NDEQ)
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 August 30, 2016 beginning at 1:30 P.M. Central Time (CT) at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. Preceding the hearings will be business items on the agenda. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:30 P.M. CT or as soon thereafter as can reasonably be heard. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony and evidence about the amendment of NDEQ regulations as outlined in this notice.

The meeting agenda and a draft copy of the proposed regulations scheduled for hearing on August 30, 2016 are available at the NDEQ's Lincoln office, 1200 N St., Suite 400, Lincoln, NE and on the NDEQ website at <http://deq.ne.gov>. The meeting agenda and a draft copy of the proposed regulations scheduled for hearing are also available at the Office of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, Room 1305, State Capitol Building, Lincoln, NE. The description of the fiscal impact of the proposed regulations on state agencies, political subdivisions, or persons regulated is available at these locations.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the public hearings. Any person may provide advance notice of intent to testify by contacting Carla Felix, Hearing Officer, NDEQ, 1200 N St., Suite 400, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Unscheduled testimony will be heard following scheduled testimony. Interested persons may also submit written comments to Carla Felix prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if received at the Lincoln office by 5:00 P.M. CT, August 29, 2016.

Please notify the NDEQ 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. Amendments to Title 119—Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Issuance of Permits Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The proposed amendments would add a new chapter, Chapter 28, to implement the statutory changes adopted by the Legislature in Legislative Bill (LB) 413 enacted in the 2015-2016 Legislative Session. LB 413 authorizes the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to conduct an affordability and sustainability impacts analysis when issuing NPDES permits to political subdivisions. The Legislature authorized the EQC to adopt regulations to implement the program and establish a tiered application fee schedule to be charged to requesting political subdivisions not to exceed \$5,000. The EQC will vote on the NDEQ proposal after hearing and considering all the testimony and written submissions.