



NDEQ News and Other Updates

Emerging Issues and Agency Vision

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Educational Background

- University of Missouri – Columbia
- Bachelors of Science in Agriculture
- Masters in Education

Environmental Works, Inc.

- Private sector consulting in all environmental media



Introductions (cont'd)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

- 1985 – 2013
- Director of Financial Assistance Center – Infrastructure
- Environmental Compliance Section Chief – Drinking Water
- Division Director of Field Services
- Kansas City Regional Office Director
- Soil and Water District Coordinator



Vision for the Department

Will Meet Our Statutory Responsibilities

- Be Responsive
- Use Common Sense in Problem Solving
- Assistance Focused
- Believe we should help “local people solve local problems”



Vision for the Department (cont'd)

Make Compliance Easier for Everyone

- Provide Assistance and Training
 - Go out to Nebraska, be proactive in education
- Streamline Process
- Develop Performance Goals and Objectives



Air Quality

- Title 129 Proposal in June 2015
 - Streamline Construction Permit Process
 - Authority to Issue General Construction Permits
 - “Notice & Go”
- Source Categories Under Consideration:
 - Concrete Batch Plants
 - Hot Mix Asphalts Plants
 - Emergency Engines
 - Crushing & Screening
 - Surface Coating
 - Incinerators
 - Grain Elevators & Dryers



Emerging Issues (cont'd)

Air Quality

- Clean Power Plan – 111(d) Rule
 - EPA expected to finalize June 2015
 - State will work with stakeholders on plan
- Proposed Revisions to Ozone Standard
 - Omaha potentially impacted
 - Monitoring in Grand Island?



Water Quality

- Omaha CSO
- New Ammonia Standards
- Assessing Wastewater Infrastructure Needs (AWIN) Process
 - Evaluating infrastructure needs
 - Examine affordable alternatives
 - Sustainability Risk List and Individual Community Datasheets on NDEQ website, deq.ne.gov



Waste Management

- Former Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation
- Coal Combustion Residue
- Superfund Sites moving from EPA-lead cleanup to state-lead operation and maintenance
 - Columbus – 10th Street
 - Grand Island – Cleburn Street



Questions?

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