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### **Welcome to NDEQ's Permitting Matrix**

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) continually works with businesses, industries and municipalities across the State of Nebraska to issue required permits and work with all entities to manage wastes and protect our shared environmental resources -- air, water, and land.

You could be a business entrepreneur considering options to open a new business in Nebraska. Or your company may be considering an expansion to an existing facility. Perhaps you need to install an emergency generator, incinerator, or boiler; or maybe you have a role as livestock producer, a wastewater operator, a regulatory professional, a student, a business consultant or a manager and are attempting to learn more about your business and environmental permits. Regardless of your role or industry, the permitting matrix is an initiative by NDEQ to provide an online tool for gathering relevant permit information toward "Making Compliance Easy".

Inside the Matrix you will find links to guidance documents, program overviews, regulations, supporting NDEQ web pages, and additional resources that are regional, state-wide or locally based, depending on your project or geographic area.

The excel file may be downloaded to your computer, and we encourage you to check back for periodic updates and changes as we work to improve the Matrix resource.

In the Matrix, NDEQ recommends starting with the introduction page that provides an overview of the questions you should ask to get started, as well as explanations for navigating the Matrix. NDEQ welcomes and encourages your feedback on how we may improve the tool. Suggestions may be sent to [NDEQ.moreinfo@Nebraska.gov](mailto:NDEQ.moreinfo@Nebraska.gov). Please include "Matrix Feedback" in the subject line of your email to be routed correctly.

Please remember, this tool is meant to be a resource to help you examine potential permits issued by the NDEQ, which may apply to your operations. However, if you have specific questions about how the permits discussed within affect your particular circumstances please contact the NDEQ's Small Business and Public Assistance Coordinators at (402) 471-8697 or (402)-471-4251.