

PUBLIC NOTICE
Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
Permitting and Engineering Division

Notice is given to the public, according to Chapter 10 of Title 129 - Nebraska Air Quality Regulations as amended September 28, 2022, that the Department is proposing to issue a Class I operating permit to Valero Renewable Fuels Company, LLC (FID#85814) for an ethanol manufacturing plant producing approximately 165.5 million gallons of denatured ethanol annually (Standard Industrial Classification code 2869) located at 2615 260th Street, Albion, Boone County, Nebraska. The changes in potential emissions of regulated air pollutants (in tons per year (tpy)) at this facility based upon this permitting action will be: 5.78 tpy of Particulate Matter (PM), 5.78 tpy of PM $\leq$ 10 microns (PM₁₀), 5.77 tpy PM $\leq$ 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}), and a reduction of 25,922 tpy Greenhouse Gases CO₂ equivalents (CO_{2e}).

Boone County meets the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for those pollutants subject to a NAAQS and is expected to continue in that status. Boone County is unclassifiable in regard to the state Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS) standards and no TRS emissions are expected from this project. No impact is anticipated on habitat for any rare or threatened species.

The DWEE proposes to issue a Class I operating permit modification with specific conditions, based on Title 129, which authorizes requirements for control equipment (baghouses, scrubber, TO/HRSGs, and flare) for various process equipment; specifies emission limits for various equipment; specifies requirements from federal NSPS rules (40 CFR 60) for Subparts A, Db, Kb, VV, and IIII; specifies requirements from federal NESHAP rules (40 CFR 63) for Subparts A, ZZZZ, and CCCCCC; specifies testing requirements for various equipment; specifies inspection, operation, maintenance, and monitoring requirements; and specifies recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

The proposed permit and supporting materials are available for inspection by the public Thursday, July 9th, 2026 through Monday, August 10th, 2026 at the office of the DWEE, 245 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, and electronically at <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/>. Only those provisions that are being revised by this permit action are open for comment at this time. Comments received during this period will be considered prior to the final decision. During this period the applicant, or any interested person or group of persons, may request or petition the Director for a public hearing, the request must state the nature of the issues to be raised and all arguments and factual grounds supporting their position. If a public hearing is granted by the Director, the hearing will be advertised by public notice at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Inquiries may be made at (402) 471-2186 or dwee.airquality@nebraska.gov. Individuals requiring special accommodations or alternate formats of materials should notify the DWEE by calling (402) 471-2186. TDD users should call (800) 833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the DWEE at (402) 471-2186. For further information, to submit comments, or request a hearing you may contact the DWEE by email "dwee.airquality@nebraska.gov" or by mail submitted to the attention of David Christensen, Air Quality Program, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521.

Please notify the DWEE if auxiliary aids, reasonable accommodations or alternate formats of materials are needed at least one week in advance. Contact phone number is (402) 471-2186. TDD users please call 711 and ask the relay operator to call us at (402) 471-2186.

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individual or group because they have exercised their rights to participate in or oppose actions protected/prohibited by 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, or for the purpose of interfering with such rights.

Within 60 days after the US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator review, persons may petition the Administrator to object to the issuance of the proposed permit. Any such petition shall be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day comment period, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was not practicable to raise such objection within such period. For specific dates for which the 60-day petition period is open, contact Ryan Green at (402) 471-2186. Petitions should be submitted electronically through EPA's Central Data Exchange at <https://cdx.epa.gov> . If the petitioner is unable to use the Central Data Exchange, EPA requests that your submission be emailed to publicVpetitions@epa.gov . If petitioner is unable to submit electronically, then a hard copy of the petition can be submitted, please contact the permit writer above for EPA's address.

Si necesita traducción de documentos al Español, por favor llame a DWEE al (402) 471-2186.