

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 Chief Ethanol Fuels, Inc. / CC Hastings Capture Company LLC (FID# 58049/121646) for an ethanol manufacturing facility and carbon capture facility (Standard Industrial Classification code 2869) located at 4225 East South Street, Hastings, Nebraska. The changes in potential emissions of regulated air pollutants (in tons per year (tpy)) at this facility will be: 2.23 tpy Volatile Organic Compounds, and a reduction of 2.55 tpy total HAPs.

Adams County meets the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for those pollutants subject to a NAAQS and is expected to continue in that status. Adams 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 with specific conditions, based on Title 129, which authorizes requirements for control equipment for fermentation, distillation, and DDGS drying process equipment; specifies emission limits for various equipment; specifies requirements from federal NSPS rules (40 CFR 60) and NESHAP rules (40 CFR 63); 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 **Monday, September 21st, 2026**, through **Tuesday, October 20th, 2026**, at the office of the DWEE, 245 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68521 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.

The DWEE does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, or sex in administration of its programs or activities, and DWEE does not intimidate or retaliate against any 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 publicpetitions@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.