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NDEQ's Online Application for Air General Permit Coverage

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has available an online streamlined application process for eligible applicants willing to comply with the requirements of any one of several standardized Air General Permits. This process can significantly shorten the time needed for an eligible facility to obtain permit coverage for an activity covered by an air general permit.

One significant difference between a general permit and an individually issued permit is that the general permit has already gone through the permit process, including the public comment period. Consequently, the owner or operator of an eligible facility who is willing to comply with all the requirements in a general permit can apply for coverage under the general permit through the online process, significantly reducing the permitting timeframe for those eligible.

General Construction Permits and General Operating Permits are provided for by Chapter 9 of [Nebraska Administrative Code Title 129 – Nebraska Air Quality Regulations](#). Currently, [Air General Construction Permits](#) are available in the following categories to eligible applicants (please review each permit for details on limitations, applicable requirements, and restrictions):

- Aggregate Processing Operations,
- Asphalt Plants – Batch Mix Hot Mix
- Asphalt Plants - Drum Mix Hot Mix,
- Concrete Batch Plants – Truck Mix (Controlled Loadout)
- Concrete Batch Plants – Truck Mix (Uncontrolled Loadout)
- Emergency Engine 1 – total capacity up to 10,000 hp for 2014 or later diesel models,
- Emergency Engine 2 – total capacity up to 5,000 hp diesel,
- Surface Coating – surface coating, welding, sawing, and abrasive blasting operations, and
- Incinerator (controlled).

An [Air General Operating Permit](#) is currently available in the following category to eligible applicants:

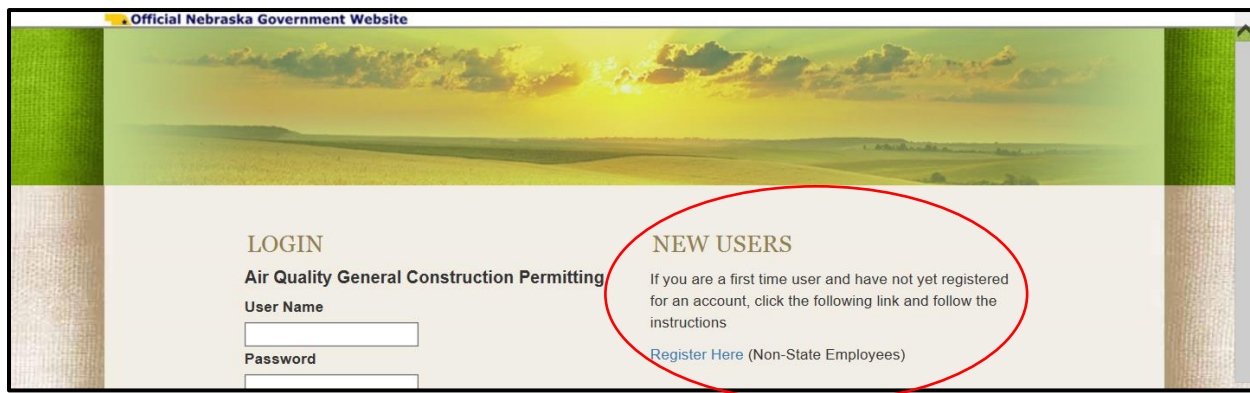
- Incinerator Operating (with limited exceptions, Title 129 requires both construction and operating permits for incinerators.)

Before you can apply for an online air general permit, you must first register for an online account with the NDEQ. From your internet browser, go to the NDEQ portal for registration and application

authorization: <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DEQ-AIR/>. Create a new user ID by following the instructions under *NEW USERS* on the right side of the screen.

General permits are not suitable for all activities requiring an air permit so please review the guidance materials or contact the NDEQ if you have questions about your eligibility. Coverage under one of these general permits is only available through the online application process.

The following screen shots are provided as an example. These may not look exactly the same as the screens you will see for a particular general permit application.



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LOGIN
Air Quality General Construction Permitting

User Name

Password

NEW USERS

If you are a first time user and have not yet registered for an account, click the following link and follow the instructions

[Register Here](#) (Non-State Employees)

Fill in the required information in order to create your account.



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SELF REGISTRATION**

NEW ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

* Required

User Information [Field Requirements](#)

First Name *

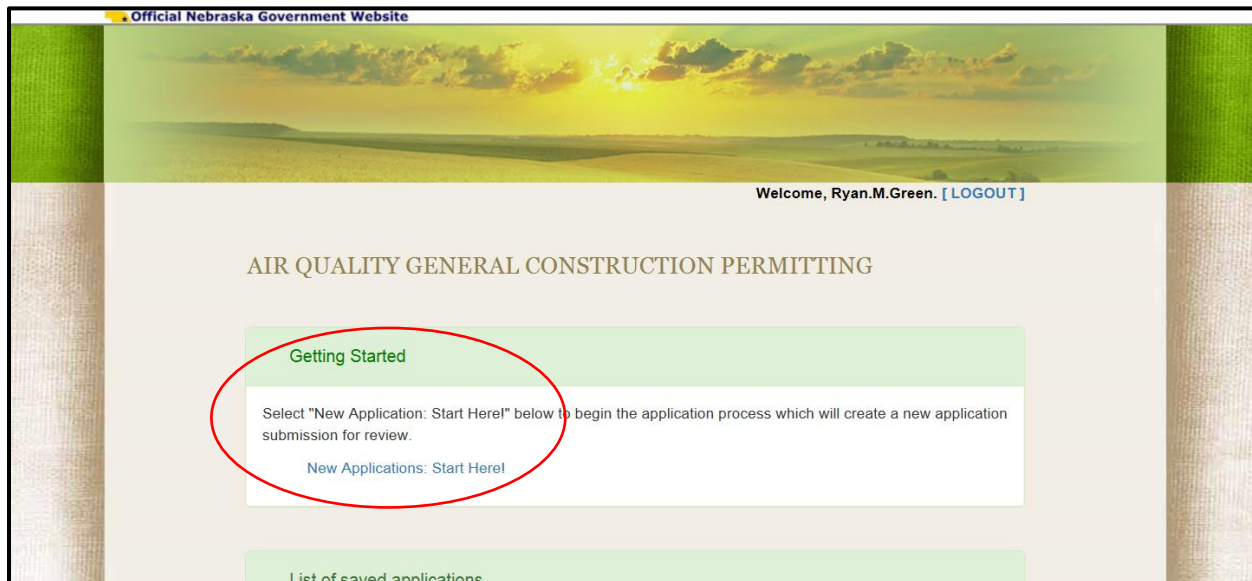
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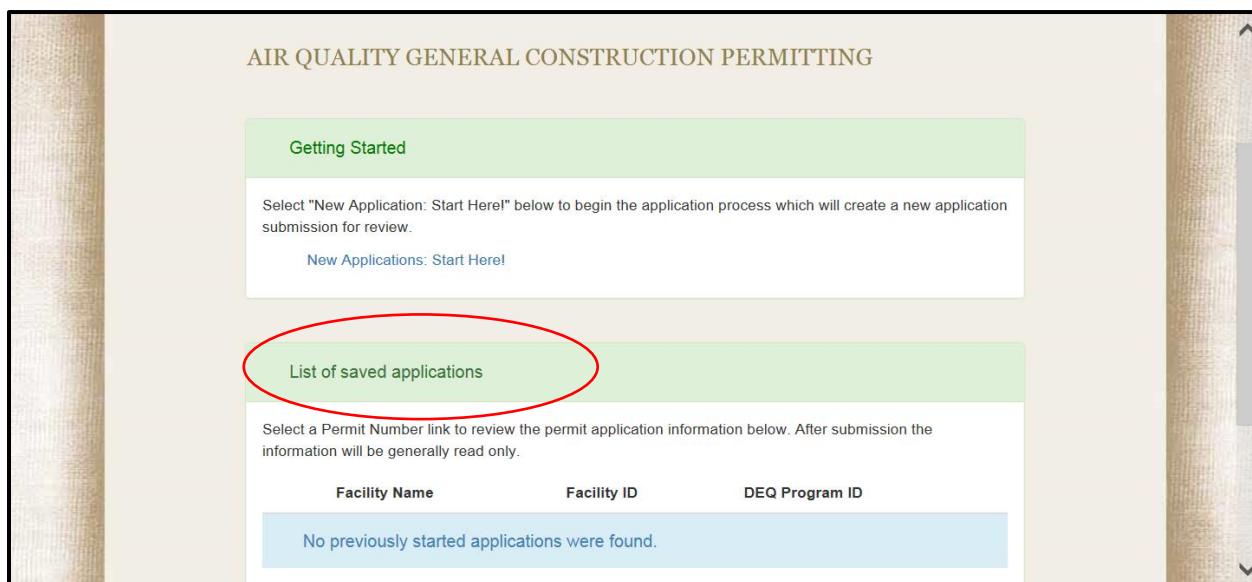
Confirm Email *

Login Information

Once you have created your account, or if you already have an existing account, type in your User Name (user ID) and password to get started on the online questionnaire as to whether or not you can apply for general air permit coverage for your facility. NDEQ's online permitting program does not have a means of reminding you what your User Name and password are. Be sure to record these so you have them for future applications.



Once you have begun the online process, your first step will be to choose an Air Quality General "Permit Type" you wish to apply for and select a "Unit Type". You should also be able to review a list of your saved applications, if you have any.



You also need to indicate whether the application is for an existing facility or a new facility.

AIR QUALITY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING

Select Air Quality type selections

* Permit Type

- Hot Mix Asphalt
- Concrete Batch Plant
- Aggregate Processing Plant
- Emergency Engines

* Unit Type

* Is this application for an existing or new air pollution facility? Existing New

A New Facility means equipment constructed or installed at a new location not adjacent to or associated with any other sources of air pollution. Any questions please contact Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality at 877-834-0474 or 402-471-2189.

Next

You will need to click on “Yes” to confirm that you agree to follow the conditions laid out in the permit.

* Permit Type Emergency Engines

* Unit Type NSPS IIII certified

The Unit Type field is required.

Prior to applying for a Emergency Engines, NSPS IIII certified General Construction Permit, will the facility abide by the conditions set forth within this permit? Yes No

Permit can be accessed with the following link: [Air General Permit](#)

This field is required

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The appropriate application fee is required with each air construction permit application ([Title 129 Chapter 17](#)). The NDEQ online application process provides instructions for fee submittal. Payment must be received before the Department will review the application. (Note: There is no application fee for an air operating permit application)

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AIR QUALITY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING

Note: Instructions will be provided at the end of the application process on how to submit the application fee.

* Application Fee Amount

Note: New facility Air Quality General Construction Permit applications require \$250 fee to be received by DEQ before the application is reviewed. Instructions will be provided at the end of the application process on how to submit the application fee.

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Based upon the type of general permit under which coverage is being sought, you will be asked a series of “yes” or “no” questions about your proposed project. If your answers to the series of questions posed by the online permitting process enable your project to fall under the guidelines of the general permit, you will be prompted to continue the online application process.

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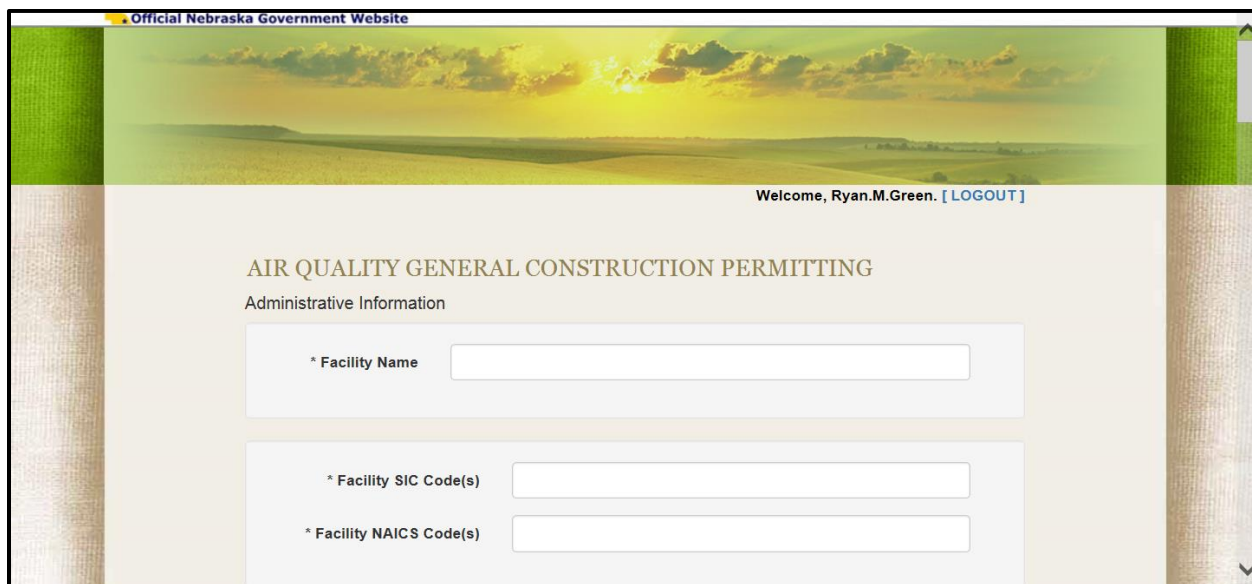
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AIR QUALITY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING

Based on responses provided for the proposed facility, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality allows your facility to apply for a General Air Quality Construction Permit. Click next to start the application process.

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Begin by filling out the required administrative information about your facility. Please note that there is a 40-character limit on “Facility Name”. Contact the NDEQ for directions if your facility name exceeds the character limit (contact information at the end of this document).



The screenshot shows the official Nebraska Government Website. At the top, there is a banner with a landscape image and the text "Official Nebraska Government Website". Below the banner, a welcome message reads "Welcome, Ryan.M.Green. [LOGOUT]". The main heading is "AIR QUALITY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING". Underneath, the section is titled "Administrative Information". There are three input fields: "* Facility Name", "* Facility SIC Code(s)", and "* Facility NAICS Code(s)".

Please be prepared to enter the following when you start your application:

- Administrative information, including the facility name, [Standard Industrial Classification](#) (SIC) and [North American Industry Classification System](#) (NAICS) codes, and physical address and [legal description](#); if the facility will be within 50 miles of an adjacent state; the facility's [Universal Transverse Mercator](#) (UTM) coordinates; and the company's name, mailing address, and whether the business is incorporated.

SIC and NAICS codes can be determined using Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and U.S. Census information, respectively. A legal description of your facility can most often be found by searching the appropriate county's property database.

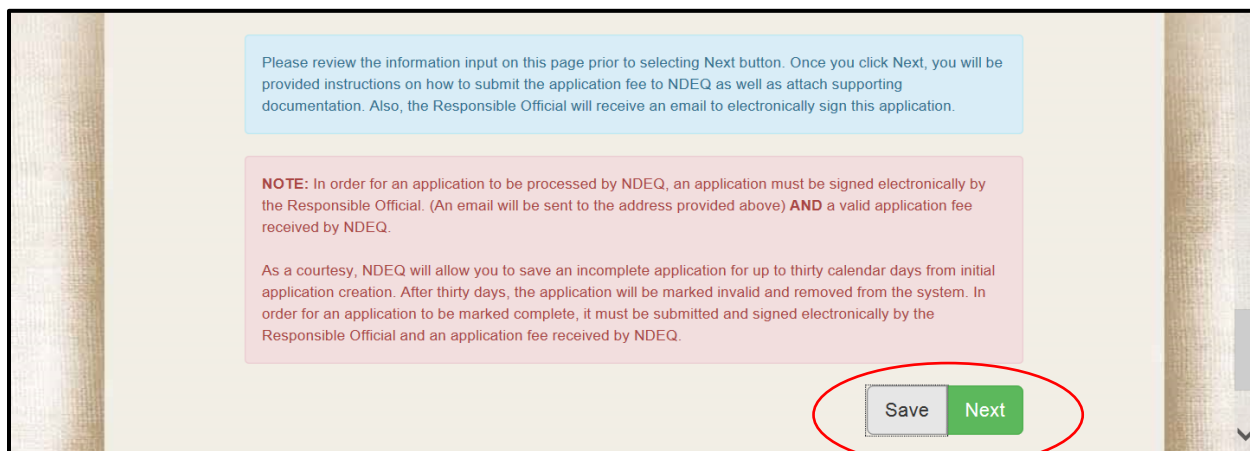
UTM coordinates can be determined (or converted from latitude and longitude) using a number of online map resource tools including the following: *

- <https://www.geoplaner.com>
- <https://www.latlong.net/lat-long-utm.html>
- <https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/NCAT/>
- Contact information, including the primary contact's name and title, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address; and the Responsible Official's name, title, and e-mail address. Please contact the NDEQ if you have questions about who qualifies as a “Responsible Official” (defined in Chapter 1 of Title 129). If someone not clearly meeting the definition of a Responsible Official is identified, your application will be delayed. Please also note if a company is the “owner or operator” applying for permit coverage, then that company must in most instances be properly registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State in order to be considered a legal entity – trade names, trademarks, and service marks are not acceptable.

*** This Page contains links to Non-NDEQ websites, these links will open in a New Tab or Window**

- Attestation of Citizenship, if the application is being submitted on behalf of an individual. The NDEQ is required by state statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 to114) to ask and collect this information for any application submitted by an individual (a form is available online: <http://deq.ne.gov/Publica.nsf/pages/09-012>).

Once you have filled out all the required administrative and contact information, you will have the opportunity to save your permit application up to that point.



Please review the information input on this page prior to selecting Next button. Once you click Next, you will be provided instructions on how to submit the application fee to NDEQ as well as attach supporting documentation. Also, the Responsible Official will receive an email to electronically sign this application.

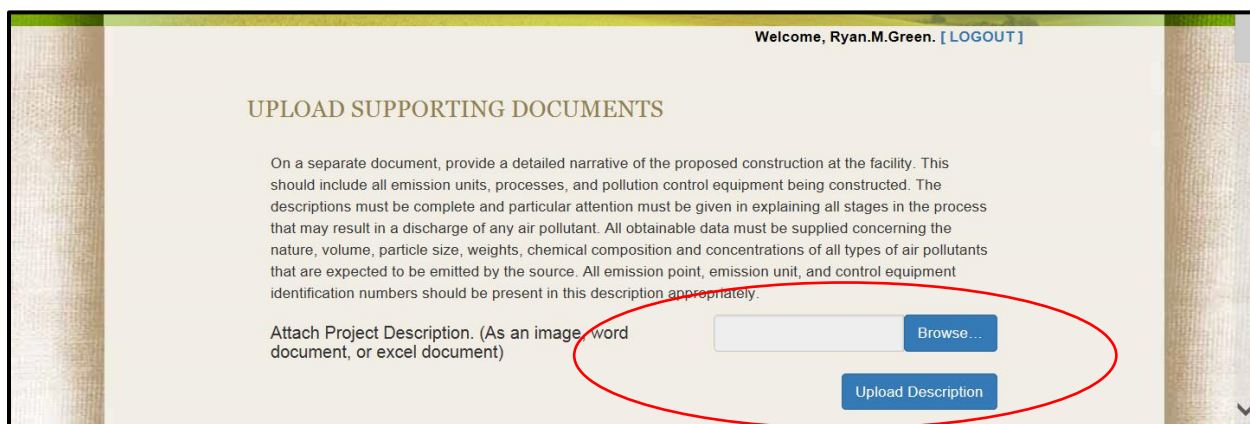
NOTE: In order for an application to be processed by NDEQ, an application must be signed electronically by the Responsible Official. (An email will be sent to the address provided above) **AND** a valid application fee received by NDEQ.

As a courtesy, NDEQ will allow you to save an incomplete application for up to thirty calendar days from initial application creation. After thirty days, the application will be marked invalid and removed from the system. In order for an application to be marked complete, it must be submitted and signed electronically by the Responsible Official and an application fee received by NDEQ.

Save Next

Your saved but incomplete application will be stored for up to thirty calendar days from the initial application creation. After thirty days, the application will be marked invalid and removed from the NDEQ system.

Next you will need to supply a detailed project description. You may attach the required information as an image, Microsoft Word document, or Microsoft Excel document.



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UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

On a separate document, provide a detailed narrative of the proposed construction at the facility. This should include all emission units, processes, and pollution control equipment being constructed. The descriptions must be complete and particular attention must be given in explaining all stages in the process that may result in a discharge of any air pollutant. All obtainable data must be supplied concerning the nature, volume, particle size, weights, chemical composition and concentrations of all types of air pollutants that are expected to be emitted by the source. All emission point, emission unit, and control equipment identification numbers should be present in this description appropriately.

Attach Project Description. (As an image, word document, or excel document)

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Upload Description

Facility layout diagrams should also be uploaded, and should indicate the height and locations of all structures and property boundaries. You need to indicate what currently exists at the location and what will be constructed as part of the project. Required supporting documents that you will need to provide include at a minimum:

- A detailed list of all existing emission units and emission points at the facility,
- For general construction permit coverage, a detailed list of all new emission units and emission points at this facility that will be constructed or installed after permit coverage is obtained, and
- A facility layout diagram detailing items such as stack heights and property boundaries.

On a separate document, provide a detailed diagram or site drawing that includes all new and existing buildings, stacks, and emission points identified in this application. Make sure all elements of the drawing are properly identified, drawn to scale, and are consistent with other sections of this application. The plant diagram should indicate the height and location of all buildings/structures and property boundaries. Fences or other public access restrictions should be identified and described. Clearly indicate which elements currently exist and which will be built/installed/modified. Area maps should generally be 1"=500' and detail maps should generally be 1"=50'. An aerial photo with the facility boundary overlay works well in showing the surrounding land use. (See Sample Plant Layout Diagram for an example)

Attach Facility Layout Diagram(s). (As an image, word document, or excel document)

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[Upload Layout](#)

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Next, instructions will be provided on how to electronically sign the application, as well as information on the application fee payment. Both a signature (DocuSign by a Responsible Official) and fee payment (Air General Construction Permit applications only) must be received before the Department's Air Quality Permitting Section staff can begin their review. As noted, the fee requirement does not apply to an Air General Operating Permit application.

Before your application is reviewed by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality – Air Quality Division, a valid application fee must be received as well as a signed application.

Shortly, **Ryan Green** will receive an email to electronically sign the Air General Permit application for **Emergency Engines - NSPS IIII certified**. Only after your application is electronically signed and payment received will your application be forwarded to Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality – Air Quality Division for review. If you have questions regarding your application, contact NDEQ – Air Quality Division at: 877-834-0474 or 402-471-2189.



An e-mail will be sent to the Responsible Official at the email address provided on your application. That e-mail will include a notification with a document that needs to be completed via DocuSign. That e-mail can only be sent to the Responsible Official email address provided.

The Responsible Official will need to click on 'Review Document' to electronically sign the application within DocuSign.

Contact the NDEQ Air Quality Permit Hotline, the NDEQ Air Division, or the NDEQ Small Business and Public Assistance Coordinator if you have questions about the online application for coverage under any of the Air Quality General Permits.

Contacts:

- NDEQ Air Quality Permit Hotline (877) 834-0474
- NDEQ Air Division ndeq.airquality@nebraska.gov
- NDEQ Small Business and Public Assistance Coordinator (402) 471-8697

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