**About the Webinar:**The Online Air General Construction Permit Webinar covered the basics of what units are potentially covered under the General Construction Permits and how to apply, with a walkthrough of a test application from start to finish. This was intended for individuals who are not familiar with air regulations.

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Q: **What are the process and requirements of switching from a construction permit to an air permit, specifically for a Class II municipal generating plant?**

A: This would need to be reviewed on a case by case basis and I recommend contacting the NDEE directly to discuss logistics.

Q: **Can a consultant enter a general permit for a client, and then, can the client submit it?**

A: A consultant can enter a general permit application for a client, however the person who fills out the application is the one who will enter all relevant information, contact info, and then submit. The client’s information should be entered in the responsible official information and an electronic signature document will be sent to them to fill out.

Q: **Are there any plans to have general permits for Small Grain Elevators?**

A: There are no plans at this time, however, this is a good suggestion and the NDEE will explore this as an option in the future.

Q: **Please copy and paste the URL for the main page for the electronic application process.**

A: The relevant URL’s from the webinar were posted in the chat to participants, the URLs are also below:

* [Online Application Login](https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DEQ-AIR/)
* [Online Application Walkthrough](http://deq.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/16-010)
* [Additional General Permit Information](http://dee.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/PubsForm.xsp?databaseName=CN=DEQSER6/O=NDEQ!!Publica.nsf&documentId=3D200E4B0326492886258249007F9E79&action=editDocument)
* [Nebraska Secretary of State](https://sos.nebraska.gov/index)
* [Latitude and Longitude to UTM converter](https://www.latlong.net/lat-long-utm.html)
* <https://earth.google.com/>
* [Standard Industrial Classification](https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html)
* [North American Industry Classification System](https://www.census.gov/naics/?input=23&year=2017)
* [Title 129 Definitions](http://deq.ne.gov/RuleAndR.nsf/RuleAndReg.xsp?documentId=1208D973CF94DB37862565E70076E6B8&action=openDocument)

Q: **Are standard construction permits completed online also?**

A: Not at this time. We still ask for paper submittals due to the complexity of some of those projects.

Q: **How is general construction permitting handled in Lincoln/Omaha when NDEE is not the permitting authority?**

A: The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) and the Omaha Public Works Department (OPWD) respectively have agreements with the NDEE under certain circumstances where if a non-stationary facility were to operate within the LLCHD/OPWD jurisdictions for a short time period before operating elsewhere in Nebraska, a facility can be permitted by the NDEE. It is required that the permitting authority, LLCHD or OPWD, is notified before applying for air general permit coverage from the NDEE.

Their contact information:

* **Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department** - Air Programs, 3131 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, (402) 441-8021
* **Omaha Public Works Department** - Air Quality Control Division, 5600 South 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68107, (402) 444-6015

Please note that currently the NDEE does not have an agreement with EPA Region 7 over non-stationary source permitting in tribal lands. Their contact information is listed here:

* **Air Permitting and Compliance Branch - U.S. EPA Region 7**, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219, (913) 551-7020, and, if appropriate, the Tribe for those Tribal Lands administered by a Tribe

Q: **Any requirements for stack heights on the units and general construction permitting?**

A: There are no requirements for stack heights in general permits, however it is useful information we would likely ask for if not provided.

**Q: How long does it take to get a regular permit?**

A: The application process and review time vary with the complexity of the project. Under the regular permitting process, there is a 30-day public notice period. During the comment period, a public hearing may also be requested, further extending the processing time. Even simple permit applications can take sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

Q: **Why doesn’t the general permit have a public notice period?**

A: The Air Construction General Permits were public noticed in 2015 when they were issued. At that time, the agency offered the public an opportunity to comment and request a public hearing. When you apply for a general construction permit, you are seeking coverage under these permits and this negates the need for a 30-day public notice period.