

Thinking of Relocating or Expanding Your Business to Nevada?

Nevada welcomes your business and you will find our agencies very receptive in assisting you with the new business. However, please be aware that you may need various Environmental Permits and/or regulatory approvals, depending on the nature and location of your business. Some permits and approvals are very simple and can be obtained within days or weeks. More complex permits require detailed applications, extensive review, including mandatory public comment periods and may take 6-12 months or longer.

The table below provides some common examples of activities that will likely require environmental permits from the **Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)** or local authorities. It is only intended as preliminary guidance not a definitive reference. Also, other State, Federal or local requirements may apply.

ACTIVITY	PERMIT REQUIREMENT
<p>Do you have activities/units that discharge air pollutants? Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something that has a stack, dust collector or vent (for example, shot blasters, grinders, storage tanks) • process using paints, solvents, adhesives, inks or fuel dispensing (for example, paint booths, printing presses, solvent cleaning tanks, gasoline dispensers) • process that burns a fuel such as oil, natural gas or coal (for example, generators, boilers, furnaces, process heaters) • process that produces dust, smoke or odors (for example, incinerators, unpaved roadways, dry material handling) 	<p>You may need an air pollution control permit from the NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control or local Air agencies in Clark and Washoe Counties.</p> <p>NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control staff are available to provide an informal pre-application review of your proposed processes to determine permitting requirements.</p>
<p>Will you discharge wastewater, dewatering water or waters from industrial processes to waters of the state or store such waters? Examples of regulated discharges include, but are not limited to: effluent from package plants, storage ponds, rapid infiltration basins, onsite septic disposal systems, and confined animal feeding operations.</p>	<p>You may need a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or State groundwater permit from the NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control.</p> <p>Mining operations, mineral beneficiation facilities or exploration require permits from the NDEP Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation.</p>
<p>Will construction activity associated with the project disturb one or more acres of land? Will construction activity associated with the project disturb five or more acres of land? Will construction activity for the project impact streams or wetland areas?</p>	<p>You need a storm water permit from the NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control if one or more acre is disturbed. You need a Surface Area Disturbance permit from the NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control or local agencies in Clark and Washoe Counties for five or more acres.</p> <p>You may need a Working in Waterways permit from NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control and a 401 certification from the Bureau of Water Quality Planning.</p>
<p>Do you plan to process solid waste to recover materials or products? For example, scrap tires, construction waste, compost and food waste.</p>	<p>You need approval to operate from the NDEP Bureau of Waste Management or local Health Districts in Clark and Washoe Counties.</p>
<p>Will you generate, recycle, treat, store or dispose of any hazardous wastes? For example automotive repair, metal finishing, dry cleaning, used oil or antifreeze recycling.</p>	<p>You may need an EPA ID number and possibly a hazardous waste permit from the NDEP Bureau of Waste Management.</p>
<p>Do you plan to install an underground petroleum storage tank?</p>	<p>You will need to submit a notification form to the NDEP Bureau of Corrective Actions and, if in Clark or Washoe Counties, plans to the local Health District. Financial assurance requirements will also apply.</p>
<p>Will you be constructing or using an on-site well to provide drinking water to employees or customers? Will you be treating water from a Municipal Public supply?</p>	<p>You may be required to submit plans and obtain permits to construct and operate the well or other related systems from the NDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.</p>

The key to avoiding surprises and delays is to plan ahead and communicate with State and Local environmental agency staff early in your planning process to identify specific permit requirements and timelines. You may find that permitting staff ask a lot of questions. This is because the more they know about what you do, the better they will be able to guide you and define specific requirements. Experience has shown that those permit applications that are complete and include all required information can be processed more quickly than incomplete applications or those requiring extensive revision. Some applicants find the assistance of a consultant or knowledgeable third party beneficial in the preparation of more complicated applications. The best recommendation is to work diligently with the permitting staff to ensure all information is correctly provided within the initial application to ensure successful and timely permit issuance.

NDEP has statewide jurisdiction over most environmental permitting programs. Exceptions are in Clark and Washoe Counties where local agencies have jurisdiction over solid waste management and air pollution control programs (other than fossil fuel fired steam generating units which are regulated by NDEP).

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[Bureau of Waste Management](#)

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[Bureau of Corrective Action](#)

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Other Resources:

Nevada Small Business Development Center

[Business Environmental Program](#)

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