

Thank you for contacting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Please note that the following requirements and recommendations apply to many but not all projects referred by local governments. Also, they are not intended to be an exhaustive list and it is ultimately the responsibility of the applicant to comply with all applicable rules and regulations. CDPHE's failure to respond to a referral should not be construed as a favorable response.

### Hazardous and Solid Waste

The applicant must comply with all applicable hazardous and solid waste rules and regulations.

Hazardous waste regulations are available here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/hwregs>.

Solid waste regulations are available here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/swregs>.

Applicable requirements may include, but are not limited to, properly characterizing all wastes generated from this project and ensuring they are properly managed and disposed of in accordance with Colorado's solid and hazardous waste regulations.

If you have any questions regarding hazardous and/or solid waste, please contact CDPHE's Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (HMWMD) by emailing [comments.hmwmd@state.co.us](mailto:comments.hmwmd@state.co.us) or calling 303-692-3320.

### Water Quality

The applicant must comply with all applicable water quality rules and regulations. The Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) administers regulatory programs that are generally designed to help protect both Colorado's natural water bodies (the clean water program) and built drinking water systems. Applicants must comply with all applicable water quality rules and regulations relating to both clean water and drinking water. All water quality regulations are available here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/water-quality-control-commission-regulations>.

### Clean Water Requirements

Applicable clean water requirements may include, but are not limited to, obtaining a stormwater discharge permit if construction activities disturb one acre or more of land or if they are part of a larger common plan of development that will disturb one or more acres of land. In determining the area of construction disturbance, WQCD looks at the entire plan, including disturbances associated with utilities, pipelines or roads constructed to serve the facility.



Please use the Colorado Environmental Online Services (CEOS) to apply for new construction stormwater discharge permits, modify or terminate existing permits and change permit contacts.

For CEOS support please see the following WQCD website:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/cor400000-stormwater-discharge>

or contact:

Email: [cdphe\\_ceos\\_support@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_ceos_support@state.co.us) or [cdphe\\_wqcd\\_permits@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_wqcd_permits@state.co.us)

CEOS Phone: 303-691-7919

Permits Phone: 303-692-3517

## Air Quality

The applicant must comply with all relevant state and federal air quality rules and regulations. Air quality regulations are available here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc-regs>.

## **Air Pollutant Emissions Notices (APENs) and Permits**

Applicable requirements may include, but are not limited to, reporting emissions to the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) by completing an APEN. An APEN is a two in one form for reporting air emissions and obtaining an air permit, if a permit will be required. While only businesses that exceed the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) reporting thresholds are required to report their emissions, all businesses - regardless of emission amount - must always comply with applicable AQCC regulations.

In general, an APEN is required when uncontrolled actual emissions for an emission point or group of emission points exceed the following defined emission thresholds:

Table 1 APEN Thresholds		
Pollutant Category	UNCONTROLLED ACTUAL EMISSIONS	
	Attainment Area	Non-attainment Area
Criteria Pollutant	2 tons per year	1 ton per year
Lead	100 pounds per year	100 pounds per year
Non-Criteria Pollutant	250 pounds per year	250 pounds per year

Uncontrolled actual emissions do not take into account any pollution control equipment that may exist. A map of the Denver Metropolitan Ozone Non-attainment area can be found on the following website: [http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/ss\\_map\\_wm.aspx](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/ss_map_wm.aspx).

This project may require a mining operations APEN.

Additional information on APENs and air permits can be found on the following website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/air/do-you-need-an-apen>. This site explains the process to obtain APENs and air quality permits, as well as information on calculating emissions, exemptions, and additional requirements. You may also view AQCC Regulation



Number 3 at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc-regs> for the complete regulatory language.

If you have any questions regarding Colorado's APEN or air permitting requirements or are unsure whether your business operations emit air pollutants, please call the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) at 303- 692-3175 or 303-692-3148.

If you have more general questions about air quality, please contact CDPHE's APCD by emailing [cdphe.commentsapcd@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.commentsapcd@state.co.us) or calling 303-692-3100.

### **Health Equity and Environmental Justice**

CDPHE notes that certain projects have potential to impact vulnerable minority and low-income communities. It is our strong recommendation that your organization consider the potential for disproportionate environmental and health impacts on specific communities within the project scope and if so, take action to mitigate and minimize those impacts. This includes interfacing directly with the communities in the project area to better understand community perspectives on the project and receive feedback on how it may impact them during development and construction as well as after completion. We have included some general resources for your reference.

Additional Resources:

[CDPHE's Health Equity Resources](#)

[CDPHE's Checking Assumptions to Advance Equity](#)

[EPA's Environmental Justice and NEPA Resources](#)

