

Website: <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/Training.aspx>

Fall 2020 Visible Emissions (VE) Certification

(Modified schedule to accommodate COVID protocol)

A VE certification course (EPA Reference Method 9) consisting of a lecture session and several field sessions will be held in Bismarck at the Environmental Training Center (2639 East Main Avenue) this Fall, free of charge.

Due to the COVID epidemic, we will be limiting session attendance to adhere to social distancing guidelines. The lecture session will be limited to **30 attendees** and field sessions will be limited to **40 attendees per session**. To facilitate this change, we are requiring participants to pre-register for ALL sessions (Lecture and Field). Additionally, an extra field session (Field Session A) will be made available for recertification while the lecture session is taking place on October 6, 2020 (see schedule below).

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| October 6, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Lecture Session (Limit 30) |
| | 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Field Session A: 2-3 Runs (New Session) |
| | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Field Session B: 2-3 Runs (Initial Cert.) |
| October 7, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Field Session: 2-3 Runs |
| | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Field Session: 2-3 Runs |
| October 8, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Field Session: 2-3 Runs |

The lecture session is mandatory for initial certification. Persons desiring to attend the on-site lecture session must pre-register by completing and returning the registration form (see website) no later than September 28, 2020. We will be accepting registrations on a first-come, first-served basis. The on-site lecture session will also cover EPA Reference Method 22 addressing the visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares.

NOTE: As an option, persons may complete an on-line commercially produced Reference Method 9 Lecture Presentation in lieu of attending the on-site lecture session in Bismarck. A certificate of attendance or completion from the on-line course will be required to satisfy the lecture component for initial certification.

Field Session B on October 6 will be available only to persons that have yet to complete the field session for initial certification.

NOTE: All persons attending for routine recertification must register to attend the October 6 (Session A), October 7, or October 8 field sessions by **emailing** Gary Kline at gkline@nd.gov no later than September 28, 2020. Please include your preferred session and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

A reminder for all: Bring a ball point pen for use during lecture and field sessions. A type of clip board will be provided by the Department for use during field sessions.

Please inform other persons who may be interested in attending this training. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Keith Hinnenkamp or Rebekah Pfaff at 701-328-5188; or by email: khinnenk@nd.gov or rpfaff@nd.gov.

GLK: 08/17/20