

Fall 2026 Visible Emissions (VE) Certification

A VE certification course (EPA Reference Method 9) consisting of a lecture session and several field sessions will be held October 6-7, 2026, in Bismarck at the Environmental Training Center (2639 East Main Avenue). The lecture session also covers EPA Reference Method 22 addressing the visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares. There is no fee for the training.

The lecture session is mandatory for initial certification and limited to **30 attendees**. Registrations will be accepted by emailing airquality@nd.gov until October 2, 2026. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so early pre-registration is encouraged.

Schedule

Tuesday, October 6 th	8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Lecture Session
	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Field Session A: 2-3 Runs
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Field Session B: 2-3 Runs
Wednesday, October 7 th	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Field Session C: 2-3 Runs
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Field Session D: 2-3 Runs

Note: Persons may complete an on-line, commercially produced Reference Method 9 Lecture Presentation in lieu of attending the lecture session in Bismarck. A certification of attendance or completion for the on-line course will be required to satisfy the lecture component which is necessary for initial certification.

The Department no longer mails individual VE certification cards. A list of individuals certified for 6 months is maintained on the Training page of the Division's website:

<https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/Training.aspx>. This list serves as the official record of certification.

Certificates of completion are available upon request.

General Reminders:

- Bring a pen for use during lecture and field sessions.
- Field sessions are conducted under all weather conditions. Unless there is lightning in the vicinity or extreme winds, we will be conducting field sessions. We recommend noting the weather and dressing accordingly. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

Please inform others who may be interested in attending this training. If you have any questions, contact Keith Hinnenkamp or Rebekah Pfaff at 701-328-5188; or by email: khinnenk@nd.gov or rpfafe@nd.gov.

RAP: 8/24/2026

**North Dakota
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Air Quality**

**Visible Emissions (VE) Training
Class Registration Form**

Name:
Email:
Phone Number:
Company Name:

Training Schedule

Tuesday	8:30 am to 11:45 am	Classroom Lecture
Tuesday	8:30 am to 12:00 noon	Recertify Field Session
Tuesday	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Recertify Field Session
Wednesday	8:30 am to 12:00 noon	Recertify Field Session
Wednesday	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Recertify Field Session

Note: Pre-registration is not required for those only needing 6-month recertification.

Comments:
Certificates of completion will be available upon request two weeks following course completion

Return this form by email to: airquality@nd.gov

For more information: https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/
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