

Environmental Permit List

This is a list of environmental permits which are sometimes overlooked by developers, builders, realtors, leasing agents, and other business people in Johnson County when they are applying for the usual building permits, zoning applications, etc. This list is by no means complete and it is the responsibility of developers, builders, and/or business owners to determine what permits apply to their particular operation. These permits are to be obtained prior to construction or demolition of the site. Failure to obtain the proper permits can lead to construction delays, post-building operational changes, and even enforcement actions by the permitting authority.

Air Quality:

Construction Permits/Approvals: This is not to be confused with a construction permit issued by municipal building codes. Air quality regulations require a company to first obtain a Construction Permit/Approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Types of sources that are often overlooked: Stationary engines for electrical generation, boilers, and paint booths, among others. Contact: Mike Boothe, Environmental Compliance Manager-Air Quality, Johnson County Department of Health & Environment at 913-715-6900.

KDHE website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/air-permit/forms/Overview.pdf>

Demolition Projects: Both federal and state regulations require either the owner or operator to have an asbestos inspection completed prior to any renovation or demolition of commercial or public structures or four or more adjacent residential structures. For demolition a notification is required at least 10 working days prior to the start of the demolition (even if asbestos is not found in the inspection). Contact: Phil Schlaman, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 785-296-1549. General questions: Mike Boothe, Environmental Compliance Manager-Air Quality, Johnson County Department of Health & Environment at 913-715-6939.

KDHE website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/radiation/asbestos.html>

Private Sewage Treatment Systems/Commercial-Industrial systems

The program inspects new residential and commercial on-site septic systems, existing commercial systems, and existing residential systems subject to property transactions. (This does not include restaurants.) Contact: Zack Millbern, Environmental Programs Manager, Johnson County Department of Health & Environment 913-715-6934 or go to the following website:

<http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/environment/programs/onsite-sewage-treatment>

Swimming Pool Inspection: Public and semi-public swimming pool operations are to be inspected annually. New construction, remodeling or minor changes in the pools chlorination system or recirculation systems require a permit. Every licensed establishment requires supervision by at least one licensed operator. Contact: Steve Vogelsang, Environmental Health Specialist, Environmental Division, 913-715-6927 or go to: <http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/environment/programs/swimming-pools>