

July 23, 2025

Liz Fordahl, Counsel  
North Dakota Legislative Council  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Proposed Amendments to N.D. Admin. Code Chapter 33-30-02  
Initial Licensure and Renewals (Environmental Health Practitioner and Certified  
Professional – Food Safety)

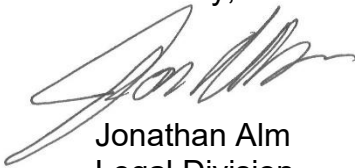
Dear Ms. Fordahl:

Enclosed for filing in the office of the Legislative Council is the Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules concerning the above proposed rules as required by N.D.C.C. section 28-32-10. Also enclosed is a copy of the proposed rules.

We have requested publication of an abbreviated newspaper publication notice once in each official county newspaper which will notify the public that an oral hearing on these rules will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and continuing until 1:00 p.m. or until no further testimony is offered, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 328-2311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Alm  
Legal Division

JA/rv

cc: Julie Wagendorf, Food & Lodging  
Amy Illg, Food & Lodging  
Tim Wiedrich, Health Response & Licensure  
Dirk Wilke, Executive Director of Public Health Division

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO  
N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-30-02  
INITIAL LICENSURE AND RENEWALS  
(ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER AND  
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL – FOOD SAFETY)

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-30-02 at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

The proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-30-02, Initial Licensure and Renewals (Environmental Health Practitioner and Certified Professional – Food Safety) are as follows:

**Section 33-30-02-01** is amended to replace “state health officer” and “board” with the “department” to reflect the structure of the Department, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

**Section 33-30-02-02** is amended to replace “they” with “licenses”, “state health officer” with “department”, and “person” with “individual” to reflect the proper terminology and structure of the Department, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

**Section 33-30-02-03** is amended to restructure the section and to update the language to be more in the active voice, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

**Section 33-30-02-04** is amended to broaden the individuals eligible for licensure as an Environmental Health Practitioner by eliminating unnecessary specificity of a certain degree while maintaining competency standards by relying on the existing education requirements already contained in the rule, to update the language to be more in the active voice, and to replace “person” with “individual”.

**Section 33-30-02-04.1** is amended to replace “candidate must” with “applicant shall” and “person” with “applicants” and “individual” to reflect the proper terminology

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for licensure as a certified professional – food safety, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

**Section 33-30-02-05** is amended to replace “person” with “individual” to reflect the proper terminology, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

**Section 33-30-02-06** is amended to replace “person” with “individual” to reflect the proper terminology, thus no change in the substance of the existing rule.

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000. No taking of real property is involved in this rulemaking action.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at the Department of Health and Human Services’ Public Health Division, human service zones, and human service centers/state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules, may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments on the proposed rules must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025.

**ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2025.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Health and Human Services is proposing amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-30-02, Initial Licensure and Renewals (Environmental Health Practitioner and Certified Professional – Food Safety). The department has adopted procedures to assure public input into the formulation of the rules prior to adoption.

In conformity with those procedures, we are providing you with a copy of the proposed rules and are requesting that you provide any written data, views, or arguments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025.

The department has scheduled an oral hearing for Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Further information concerning the public hearing is included in the attached notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

Your participation is welcomed, as are your suggestions. Please send all written data, views, or arguments to: Rules Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0250.

Sincerely,



J. Patrick Traynor  
Interim Commissioner

JPT/rv

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