



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-10
Burn Permit Suspension (Revised and Amended)

WHEREAS, A continuing period of dry weather statewide in conjunction with moderate to extreme drought conditions is endangering the health and safety of a significant number of Nebraska citizens as well as public and private property. The continuing period of dry weather and drought conditions have combined to create a dangerous environment resulting in an elevated wildfire risk which may create problems greater in scope than local governments alone may resolve; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with statutory monitoring requirements, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, following a review of climatic, hydrologic, and water supply conditions, indicates the existence of a potential for drought related emergencies in Nebraska; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Jim Pillen, as Governor of the State of Nebraska do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the state.

PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION, I HEREBY SUSPEND §§81-520.01(2) and 81-520.04 AND DIRECT a suspension of the authority vested in local fire chiefs to waive the open burning ban and suspend all previously issued burn permits due to an enhanced risk of wildfires until midnight May 10, 2025, in the following area within the State of Nebraska:

West of a line starting at the South Dakota border following U.S. Hwy 81 south to Nebraska Highway 92. Highway 92 west to U.S. Highway 281 and south following Highway 281 to the Kansas border (Exhibit 1, Map Attached).

Open burning permits may continue to be issued by fire chiefs or designated fire department members to Irrigation Districts organized under the Irrigation District Act within the State of Nebraska and are not subject to the above suspension. Such permits may be issued only for burns within the boundaries of a surface water irrigation canal owned, titled to, or operated by an Irrigation District. The permitted open burn by an Irrigation District shall be supervised on-site by the permitting authority, with necessary equipment available to control such a burn.

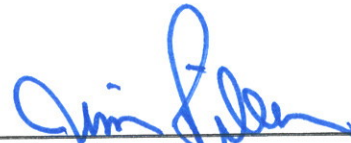
I HEREBY SUSPEND burn permits issued within the State of Nebraska, with no exceptions, when the permitted burn will take place at a location under which a Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the duration of the Warning.

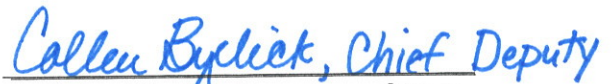
I HEARBY RECIND Executive Order 25-09, Burn Permit Suspension and **REPLACE** it with this Executive Order regarding Burn Permits.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 1st day of May, 2025.



Attest:


Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska


Colleen Bychick, Chief Deputy
Robert Evnch, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska