



NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
Proposed Regulation P2017-09
Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
December 21, 2017

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) is proposing to adopt regulations (P2017-09) amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) – Certification of Operators.

The Petition (P2017-09) proposes to make changes to the Drinking Water operator certification program to ensure that operators have the appropriate level(s) of experience and are up-to-date with the latest requirements in Drinking Water regulations and technologies. By providing Operators an avenue to apply for licenses that are two grades above the classified system at which they are working, it is imperative that our Operators be well-trained in operation standards and treatment technologies. Additionally, to cover certification program costs, the petition also includes fee increases.

The proposed revisions include: (1) adding additional time requirements for operators to move up grades (I thru IV) (2) increasing contact hours required for renewals from 5 to 7 and 10 to 14, for grades I-II and grades III and IV, respectively (3) allowing operators, based on experience, the ability to receive 2 full certifications above the classified system at which they are working (4) fee increases – Table 1 (5) clarify language.

Table 1: Operator Certification Fee Increases

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
For the issuance of a full certificate	\$84	\$100	\$110	\$120
For a certificate issued pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NAC 445A.6345 (Reciprocity)	\$57	\$125	\$140	\$150
For the issuance of a certificate as an operator-in-training	\$57	\$90	\$100	\$110
For conversion of a certificate as an operator-in-training to a full certificate	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$40
For the renewal of a full, provisional, or operator-in-training certificate	\$30	\$40	\$45	\$50
For the reinstatement and renewal of a full certificate	\$100	\$140	\$145	\$150

Workshops to discuss P2017-09 and receive comments will be held at the following locations at the date and time indicated. A workshop agenda is attached.

Monday, January 8, 2018 9:00 AM– 11:00 AM Bryan Building, 2 nd Floor Tahoe Room 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701	Wednesday, January 10, 2018 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Elko City Hall Council Chambers 1751 College Avenue Elko, Nevada 89801	Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Grant Sawyer Bldg. Conference RM 1100 555 E. Washington Ave Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
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Materials may be obtained at http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0218.htm, at workshops, or by contacting BSDW at (775) 687-9519. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops, submit them to Max Sosa (msosa@ndep.nv.gov), Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 401, Carson City, Nevada, 89701, or email to OpCert@ndep.nv.gov. **Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm, January 17, 2018.**

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meetings should notify BSDW no later than 5 days prior to the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the following locations: NDEP office in Carson City, State Library and Archives in Carson City, Elko County Library in Elko, and websites of NDEP, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Department of Administration, and State Environmental Commission.

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The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) at the public workshops on proposed permanent regulation petition. The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory meeting scheduled for February 7, 2018. The following items may be taken out of order and/or items may be combined for consideration.

1) Call to order and introductions

2) Public comment: (Discussion)

Members of the public will be invited to speak; however, no action will be taken by the BSDW at this Public Workshop. Public comment may be limited to 10 minutes per person at the discretion of the Workshop moderator.

3) Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation P2017-09: BSDW will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. P2017-09 proposes to make changes to the requirements for Drinking Water operator certification and include a fee increase to cover the costs for operating the program.

4) Question and answer period for P2017-09

5) Public comment for P2017-09

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6) Adjournment