

NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to
NAC 445B, 459 & 486A: Air Pollution

March 21, 2017
9:00 AM

Great Basin Conference Room
4th Floor
901 South Stewart Street
Carson City

Video Conference to
NDEP Red Rock Conference Room
2030 E. Flamingo Road, Ste. 230
Las Vegas

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES:

Workshop Chairs:

Danilo Dragoni, Chief, Bureau of Air Quality Planning (BAQP)
Sig Jaunarajs, Supervisor, Planning and Modeling Branch, BAQP

NDEP Staff:

Patricia Bobo, Environmental Scientist, Planning and Modeling Branch, BAQP

Public:

Carson City:

Girish Pandit, EBSCO Industries
Matthew Mannens, Q & D Construction

Las Vegas:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Dragoni called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and BAQP staff introduced themselves. He discussed the sign-in process, handouts and other housekeeping items. Mr. Dragoni reviewed the workshop agenda. There were no questions or changes to the agenda.

Mr. Dragoni explained the temporary regulatory adoption timeline for the petition. The State Environmental Commission (SEC) will hold a hearing on May 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Carson City NDEP offices where they will consider the petition. If the petition is approved by the SEC, the NDEP will wait 35 days to file the approved petition with the Secretary of State. If approved, it will be effective until November 1, 2017. The NDEP will hold another public workshop in the permanent cycle and if there are no changes to the regulation it will go to the SEC on October 11, 2017. If the Legislative Commission approves the regulations, they are sent to the Secretary of State where they are filed and become effective.

Mr. Dragoni moved on to the presentation of the petition.

SUMMARY

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Mr. Dragoni explained that the petition is making amendments to the e-notice and e-access requirements. He noted that there is no change in the public notice process other than removing the requirement for publishing in newspapers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a rule requiring e-notice and e-access for any federally approved actions such as for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) or Title V actions. The NDEP is taking advantage of this change and updating the regulations to reflect this change for all public notices. The EPA changed the requirement of publishing in newspapers to posting on an internet website because it will provide more visibility for a longer period of time and an internet website also allows for more information to be available. Mr. Dragoni also explained another proposed change in the petition. The NDEP is proposing to remove the requirement to post draft permits at libraries because the process is inefficient. The NDEP contacted libraries and inquired about the usefulness of posting draft permits and the responses received were that very few members of the public viewed posted draft permits.

Mr. Dragoni proceeded to go through the petition and each proposed change. He explained that the red, strikeout text is being removed and the blue, bold text is new language.

Ms. Bobo added that the internet website that documents will be posted to is NDEP's website. Mr. Dragoni went into detail about where public notices are located on the website. Mr. Dragoni asked for comments or questions on T2017-01.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Matthew Mannens: All of the updates will be put on NDEP's website?

Patricia Bobo: All notices are currently posted to NDEP's website and all new changes to permits will be made available as well.

There were no more comments or questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.