

**FORM FOR PETITIONING THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FOR ADOPTION, FILING AMENDMENTS OR REPEAL OF COMMISSION
REGULATIONS
Form #1**

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2. Government Agency – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)
3. The NDEP is proposing changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) removing waterbodies or portions of waterbodies in the NAC pertaining to State Water Quality Standards on Federal Indian Reservations. During the 1970's, when Nevada was establishing its water quality standards, Nevada set standards on several Federal Indian Reservations. In 1983, the Federal government established a federal Indian policy to treat Tribal governments on a government-to-government basis, and to support the principle of self-determination and local decision making by Indian Tribes. Section 518(e) of Clean Water Act (CWA) was added as part of the 1987 Amendments. This section authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to treat federally recognized Indian Tribes in a similar manner as states for certain provisions of the CWA, including the water quality standards program.
4. Federal regulations (40CFR 131.20) require states to periodically review their water quality standards.
5. (a) The proposed revisions do not regulate business; therefore, they are not expected to have any direct economic effect on the regulated community both immediately and long term.

(b) The proposed revisions are not expected to have any economic effect on the public both immediately and long-term.

(c) Implementation of the proposed regulations is not expected to result in additional cost by the agency for enforcement.
6. There are no other state or government agency regulations which the proposed revisions duplicate.
7. The federal government has delegated the responsibility of establishing water quality standards to the state; therefore, there is no federal regulation for proposed water quality standards revisions. Revisions of the standards will be submitted to the EPA Regional Administration for review and approval.
8. The regulation does not provide for fees.