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Memorandum

Date: November 1st 2007
To: Members - State Environmental Commission
From: John B. Walker, Executive Secretary
Subject: 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan

Enclosed is your copy of Nevada's 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan). This Plan is on the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the State Environmental Commission scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th beginning at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Conference Room A, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada.

Nevada Revised Statute [NRS 444.570](#) requires the State Environmental Commission (SEC), in cooperation with governing bodies of Nevada's municipalities, to develop a Statewide Solid Waste Management System Plan which is reviewed and revised every five years.

Municipalities and the public across the state were extensively involved in the development of this Plan. Washoe County District Health Department and the Southern Nevada Health District were provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Plan in an effort to coordinate with the other Solid Waste Management authorities prior to issuing the Plan for public review and comment.

Public comment was solicited through eight public workshops: five in 2004, three in 2007. The public notice and an electronic version of the Plan was also posted on the Division of Environmental Protection's (NDEP) website and distributed through NDEP's electronic mailing lists.

All of the comments received during this process were responded to and incorporated into the Plan as appropriate. The 2004 draft was revised based on the comments received at that time resulting in the 2007 draft which was again further revised to address comments received in 2007.

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About the Plan: The 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan provides a description of the existing framework for solid waste management in accordance with the applicable laws & regulations. The Plan describes governmental roles and responsibilities, gives the statewide trends in solid waste management, provides an assessment of Nevada's municipal solid waste management systems and presents solid waste management issues and suggests future considerations. The 2007 Plan provides guidance and information to support:

1. Adoption of solid waste management regulations by the SEC;
2. Efforts undertaken by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) before the Nevada Legislature regarding the allocation of solid waste program resources;
3. Development and implementation of Solid Waste Management Plans and ordinances administrated by Nevada's municipal governments; and,
4. Activities by other stakeholders who provide solid waste services to the communities, businesses and residents of Nevada.

This final draft Plan is now ready for consideration by the State Environmental Commission.

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Enclosed:

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