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Ms. Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel

C/o Debra. Corp Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Legal Division 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

Re: Regulation P2010-10: Proposed Changes to Select Water Quality Standards for Nevada Waters in the Snake River Drainage Basin

Dear Ms. Corp:

Enclosed for "drafting" by the LCB Legal Division is a proposed permanent regulation that would amend NAC 445A. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has completed a review of the water quality standards for the Nevada waterbodies in the Snake River Drainage Basin. These waters are located in Northern Elko County and consist of the following: South Fork Owyhee River; Owyhee River; Bruneau River; Jarbidge River; East Fork Jarbidge River; Salmon Falls Creek; Shoshone Creek; and Goose Creek. Revisions to select water quality standards are proposed based on EPA recommended criteria, maintaining consistency with standards for other Nevada waterbodies, and other recommendations and information. The water quality standards for the above mentioned waterbodies are contained in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.214 - 225 (445A.1332-1362). NDEP is also proposing to add four new tributary creeks located in the Snake River Drainage system to the Nevada water quality regulations.

If you have any questions about this regulation please contact Mr. John Heggeness at 687 9449. Related information about this regulation is available on the State Environmental Commission's website at: http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing\_1010.htm

Sincerely,

John B Walker

John B. Walker **Executive Secretary** 

JBW/jbw **Enclosure** 

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