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Regulation R083-08: Muddy River Water Quality: The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has changed the water quality standards for the Muddy River contained in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.210 and NAC 445A.211. The changes modified the water quality regulations for the reaches of the Muddy River, adding recreation involving contact with the water as a beneficial use, and excluding the section of the river on the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal land from state water quality standards.

Revisions to the water quality standards include new E. coli bacteria criteria to protect recreation involving contact with the water as a beneficial use, revised water temperature criteria to protect indigenous fish species, and waterbody specific criteria for fluoride and boron.

The establishment of water quality standards is required by the Clean Water Act, the standards are set to protect the designated uses of the water. Water quality standards in of themselves have no direct regulatory mechanism, but are used as the basis for discharge permits.

Authority citation other than 233B: §§1-5 and 8-14, NRS 445A.425 and 445A.520; §§6 and 7, NRS 445A.425; §15, NRS 445A.425, 445A.465 and 445A.595; §16, NRS 445A.425 and 445A.465; §17, NRS 445A.425 and 445A.570.

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