

FORM FOR PETITIONING THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FOR ADOPTION, FILING AMENDMENTS OR REPEAL OF COMMISSION REGULATIONS

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2. Government Agency – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)
3. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing changes to select water quality standards for the inorganic toxic chemicals related to aquatic life contained in the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed changes involve revising and/or amending the aquatic life criteria for metals and inorganic chemical compounds contained in NAC 445A.144, “Standards for Toxic Materials Applicable to Designated Waters.” The proposed revisions are based on updated criteria values that have been recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as national recommended water quality criteria for protection of aquatic life [May 2005].

No changes are proposed to be made at this time to the other inorganic chemical standards contained in NAC 445A.144 related to municipal and domestic supply, irrigation, and watering of livestock, or to the standards for the inorganic chemicals related to any beneficial use which are also contained in NAC 445A.144.
4. Federal regulations (40CFR 131.20) require states 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.