

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 the water quality standards for the Muddy River contained in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.210 and NAC 445A.211. The proposed changes involve modifying the water quality regulations describing 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 Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal land from state water quality standards. Proposed 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.
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.