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

Form #1

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- 2. Government Agency Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)
- 3. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to make administrative changes to subsection 2 in NAC 445A.143 (NAC 445A.1233) to replace "2005" with "most current" in reference to the Review Water Quality Standards for Salinity, Colorado River System (review). The "review" is updated and adopted by the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (forum) every three years, as required under Section 303 of the Clean Water Act. Changing the reference to "most current" will negate the need to revise NAC 445A.143 (NAC 445A.1233) each time a new "review" is adopted by the "forum." No changes to the salinity criteria are proposed. Additionally, NDEP is proposing to replace the phrase "as presented by" with "as adopted by" to be consistent with the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum's protocol.
- 4. Federal regulations (40CFR 131.20) require states to 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.

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