

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 NDEP-BWQP 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-BWQP is also proposing to add four new tributary creeks located in the Snake River Drainage system to the Nevada water quality regulations.
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.