

**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 NDEP is proposing to revise the indicator bacteria fecal coliform standard on most waters, statewide. Fecal coliform will be retained as a water quality standard to protect the beneficial uses other than recreation involving contact with the water, for example Irrigation and Livestock watering. The existing *E. coli* bacteria water quality standard would be the most restrictive standard to protect the waters for swimming and other contact recreation activities. The proposed revision to a Single Value of $\leq 1,000$ No./100 ml is consistent with the EPA recommended water quality criteria. The water quality standards for the above mentioned waterbodies are contained in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.1256 - 2234.
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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