

## **R131-12 — Statewide Fecal Coliform**

### **Questions During Public Workshops**

#### **CARSON CITY WORKSHOP, MAY 8, 2012**

##### *Fecal Coliform*

*Question:* Is EPA looking at going back to a fecal criteria rather than *E. coli* especially for the beeches program?

*Response:* Not that we know. The current EPA criteria recommendation is *E. coli* for contact recreation. Don't know of EPA looking at fecal again, they recommend using enterococci for sea water and the beeches. But, if EPA decides to change we would wait until EPA publishes criteria before we would make revisions.

*Question:* Does livestock and wildlife have a problem with the proposed fecal coliform criteria?

*Response:* Irrigation is the beneficial use driving the proposed  $\leq$ S.V. 1000 criteria, livestock and wildlife criteria are less restrictive than the SV 1000.

#### **LAS VEGAS WORKSHOP, MAY 9, 2012**

##### *Fecal Coliform*

*Question:* Is the wildlife refuge included in the lower Muddy River reach.

*Response:* Yes. If the reach travels through the refuge then the same standards would apply within the refuge boundary.

*Question:* How do you categorize the wildlife refuge and have you sampled the within the refuge, does the wildlife refuge have to meet the standards?

*Response:* In the past we have sample upstream and downstream and we may have sampled within and yes, the Muddy River standards would apply to water within the refuge.

*Question:* What standards apply to the body of water in the wetlands park?

*Response:* The wetlands park alongside the Las Vegas Wash would have the same standards as the wash.

*Question:* As far as the Wash and other waters here in the valley, will they be impacted by this change?

*Response:* Not at all.

*Question:* If you are removing Fecal how will this be affected in our permits?

*Response:* We are not removing fecal we are just changing the standard from a contact recreation value to an irrigation value.

**ELKO WORKSHOP, MAY 16, 2012**

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No questions were asked.

**Written Comments/Questions during the Public Comment Period**

No comments were received.