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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Proposed Regulation P2020-01 and P2020-02 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection January 13, 2020

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to adopt regulations (P2020-01 and P2020-02) amending Chapter 445A, 445B and Chapter 459 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Specifically P2020-01 addresses, sections of NAC 445A.2862, 445A.2866, 445A.2868, 445A.287, 445A.289, and 445A.2912; and P2020-02 addresses NAC 445A.293, 445A.646, 445A.647, 445A.652, 459.9729, and NAC 445B.

The proposed regulatory revisions (P2020-01) are making changes to the wastewater treatment operator certification program. This proposal revises the initial education requirement for Grade I and Grade II from 60/120 contact hours to 50/100 contact hours. This proposal also addresses the restricted certificate to change it from a non-renewable certification to one that can be renewed every two years with the addition of contact hours. A treatment plant classification for "facultative ponds" is added. Renewal fees are affected.

The proposed regulatory revisions (P2020-02) are making changes to certification programs contained in three bureaus within NDEP (Water Pollution Control in NAC 445A, Safe Drinking Water in NAC 445A, and Corrective Actions in NAC 459). The proposal adds due process procedures for when NDEP initiates disciplinary action for individuals who are Wastewater Operators, Drinking Water Operators, Certified Environmental Managers, Certified Tank Handlers or Certified Tank Testers. The Agency Draft proposed regulatory revision suggests that the new regulations be housed in 445B to address all three certification programs and makes related changes in NAC 445A and 459.

Workshops to discuss P2020-01 and P2020-02 and receive comments will be held at the following locations at the date and time indicated. A workshop agenda is attached.

Monday February 10, 2020
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Grant Sawyer Bldg., RM 1100
555 E. Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Friday February 7, 2020 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Bryan Building, 2nd Floor Tahoe Room 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701 Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM 1751 College Ave. City Council Chambers Elko, Nevada

Materials may be obtained at https://ndep.nv.gov/posts, at workshops, or by contacting BWPC at (775) 687-9315. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to Katrina Pascual (kpascual@ndep.nv.gov), Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 401, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm, February 14, 2020.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meetings should notify BWPC no later than 5 days prior to the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the following locations: NDEP office in Carson City, NDEP office in Las Vegas, State Library and Archives in Carson City, Elko County Library in Elko, and websites of NDEP, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Department of Administration, and State Environmental Commission.

AGENDA

Proposed Regulation P2020-01 Bureau of Water Pollution Control and

Proposed Regulation P2020-02 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) at the public workshops on these proposed regulatory changes. The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory meeting scheduled for March 4, 2020. The following items may be taken out of order and/or items may be combined for consideration.

- 1) Call to order and introductions
- 2) Public comment
- 3) Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation P2020-01: Bureau of Water Pollution Control will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. P2020-01 proposes to make changes to the requirements for wastewater treatment certification and provides for restricted certifications to be renewable with the addition of contact hours. A treatment plant classification for "facultative ponds" is added. Renewal fees are affected.
- 4) Question and answer period for P2020-01
- 5) Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation P2020-02: NDEP will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A, 459 and proposals for 445B. P2020-02 proposes to add due process procedures for when NDEP initiates disciplinary action for individuals who are Wastewater Operators, Drinking Water Operators, Certified Environmental Managers, Certified Tank Handlers or Certified Tank Testers. The Agency Draft proposed regulatory revision suggests that the new regulations be housed in 445B to address all three certification programs and makes related changes in NAC 445A and 459.
- 6) Question and answer period for P2020-02
- 7) Public comment for any items not agendized
- 8) Adjournment