NEVADA STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT DISCLOSURE PROCESS PURSUANT TO 233B "Nevada Administrative Procedures Act"

The purpose of this Form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the State Environmental Commission. If questions 1 and 2 are answered with a NO, then a small business impact statement is not required. If either question is answered with a YES then a small business impact statement is required prior to the conduct of public workshops by the petitioning agency. (*This form must be submitted with regulatory petition form #1 when a regulation is submitted for drafting by LCB and adoption by the State Environmental Commission.*)

FORM # 4 - Part 1

1. Does this proposed regulation impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business? (*state yes or no, and please explain and submit the applicable documentation if no; and if yes reference the small business impact statement as attached*)

No, the proposed regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business. The state is proposing to adopt these revisions by reference in order to update state regulations and allow the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to maintain federally-recognized Primary Enforcement Responsibility for National Primary Drinking Water Regulations in lieu of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Some provisions of the federal regulations to be adopted by reference will have a small cost associated with implementation including monitoring and public notification for some small businesses, but this cost will be nominal. Other provisions of these federal regulations are provided for in existing NAC. The proposed federal regulations to be adopted by reference include a new regulation (rule), revisions and clarifications to existing federal rules or addition of analytical methods that will allow more options for compliance and possibly provide beneficial cost savings to public water systems. The addition of options for credentialing entities for the certification of backflow prevention assembly testers will remove a current monopoly of service and is expected to provide beneficial cost savings to individuals who must be certified by other existing NAC requirements.

2. Does this proposed regulation restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business ? (*state yes or no, and please explain and submit the applicable documentation if no; and if yes reference the small business impact statement as attached*)

No, see above.

Note: Small Business is defined as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees" (NRS 233B.0382).

3. If **Yes** to either of questions 1 & 2, the following action must be taken:

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A. Was a small business impact statement prepared and was it available at the public workshop. (*yes or no, attach a copy of the statement or if a statement was not completed please explain*)

B. Attach the Small Business Impact Statement (part 2) as part of Form #4 upon submission of the proposed regulation to the State Environmental Commission when Form #1 (petition to the Commission) is submitted.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT FORM #4 - Part 2 (NRS 233B.0609)

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of the response from small businesses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary. (*Attach copies of the comments received and copies of any workshop attendance sheets noting which are small businesses.*)

2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on small businesses:

- a. Both adverse and beneficial effects
- b. Both direct and indirect effects

3. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. (*Include a discussion of any considerations of the methods listed below.*)

- A. Simplification of the proposed regulation
- B. Establishment of different standards of compliance for a small business
- C. Modification of fees or other monetary interests that a small business is authorized to pay a lower fee.

4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation. (Include a discussion of the methods used to estimate those costs.)

5. If this regulation provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and manner in which the money will be used.

6. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, provide an explanation of why the proposed regulation is duplicative or more stringent and why it is necessary.

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