## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP to SOLICIT COMMENTS on PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENTS

## **Nevada Administrative Code 459: Certification Program**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1:00 pm

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Certification Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Ste 4001, Carson City, NV 89701, (775) 687-9368, is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 459 – Hazardous Materials of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). These amendments address the Certification of Certain Consultants and Contractors. An initial draft of the proposed regulation amendments can be reviewed at: Certification | NDEP (nv.gov)

Workshop date and time: Tuesday, February 15th at 1:00 pm

Due to varying COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no physical location for this meeting. Participants can provide comment via videoconference or by teleconference. Written comments can also be submitted to NDEP either by email at <a href="mailto:cert info@ndep.nv.gov">cert info@ndep.nv.gov</a> or by mail at Division of Environmental Protection, Certification Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Ste 4001, Carson City, NV 89701. The workshop can be joined via Teams using the web links or by calling the phone number below:

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The purpose of the public workshop is to solicit comments from small businesses and all interested persons regarding the information listed on the below agenda. General public comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker before and after the presentation and question and answer period and will not be restricted based on viewpoint. The following agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, or removed from the agenda at any time. No action will be taken by the NDEP at the public workshop.

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Public comment (For Discussion)
- 3) Presentation of proposed amendments to NAC 459 (Certification of Certain Consultants and Contractors). The regulation would increase fees for certified individuals, change eligibility requirements to become a Certified Environmental Manager (CEM), and require Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to recertify as a CEM. Fees have remained the same since the adoption of this regulation in 1991. The fees would increase by \$50. This increase in the fees for certification and recertification is below the estimated increase of the National Consumer Price Index which is double the current fees. The intention of this regulation change is to comply with the Governor's Finance Office, Division of Internal Audit findings by 1. Retaining the qualification requirement NAC 459.972 3(a) "A bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university..." and eliminating NAC 459.972 3(b) "A relevant professional registration or certification recognized by the Division and at least 3 years of relevant environment experience within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application" and 3(c) "An equivalent combination of appropriate education or experience, or both as determined by the Division". Additionally, in accordance with the Internal Audit, NAC 459.9728, Renewal of Certificate, would require environmental managers complete 24 CEUs within two years before the renewal of their application. (For Discussion)
- 4) Question and answer period (For Discussion)
- 5) Public comment (For Discussion)
- 6) Adjournment

## Notes:

Interested parties may provide comments at the workshop or submit them in writing to Rebecca Bodnar (<a href="mailto:rebecca.bodnar@ndep.nv.gov">rebecca.bodnar@ndep.nv.gov</a>), Division of Environmental Protection, Certification Program/Superfund Branch, 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Written comments requested to be read on-record at the workshop will be accepted on or before February 8th, 2022.

This Notice and materials associated with the workshop may be obtained at <a href="mailto:Certification">Certification</a> | NDEP (nv.gov): or by contacting the Certification Program at <a href="mailto:certification">cert info@ndep.nv.gov</a>, by telephone at (775) 687-9368, or by mail at Division of Environmental Protection, Certification Program, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada, 89701.

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- Nevada State Library & Archives, 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, NV;
- Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV;
- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, NV;
- Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV; and

• Elko County Library, 720 Court St., Elko, NV

This Notice will be posted on the following webpages:

- Legislative Counsel Bureau's website at: <a href="https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/">https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/</a>
- Department of Administration's website at <a href="https://notice.nv.gov/">https://notice.nv.gov/</a>
- NDEP Certification website at: <u>Certification | NDEP (nv.gov)</u>