

NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Workshop to Solicit Comments on proposed amendments to
NAC 459: Certification of Certain Consultants and Contractors

Date: February 15th, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Virtual Workshop using Teams software

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES:

Workshop Chair:

Rebecca Bodnar, Program Supervisor, Bureau of Corrective Actions

NDEP Staff:

Jeff Collins, Chief, Bureau of Corrective Actions

Zach Lamebull, Program Coordinator, Bureau of Corrective Actions

Public:

George Hagan, Jacob and Hefner Associates

Steve (Guest)

Mike Meany, Arid West

Kurt A. Goebel, Converse Consultants

Robin Eppard (Guest)

Kristopher Carroll

Alexes (Guest)

Erik Anderson

Daniel Burns, SNHD

Rob J. Gegenheimer, Converse Consultants

Joe McGee (Guest)

Tim Aten (Guest)

Courtney Peterson (Guest)

Todd Croft (Guest)

Laureli Wagner, SBCC

Keith Stewart, Stewart Environmental

Michael Palmer, De Maximis

Denis Rasmusen, NV Energy

Steven Ross, College of Southern NV

Lonnie Mercer, Geosyntec Consultants

Chris Wessel (Guest)

John Pekala

Katie Oliver

Joni Kropf, Arcadis

Chuck Frey, Wood PLC

Lindsay Garner, Herndon Group

Mitch Burns, P.E., CEM, Lumos, Inc

Ron James

Jason Reed, NV Energy

Jo Wang, Arcadis

Spencer Lapiers

Vasant Rajagopalan, Clark County

Ginger Somerville, Arcadis

Jonathan Tull. LVVWD

Robert Bilbray

Karin Hagan, Kleinfelder Consultants

Todd Welty, Reno Airport

Beth Legenbauer

Jennifer Thies, Terracon

Rex Heppe, Terracon

Kimiye Touchi, DTSC

Rich Petrus, DCR Services

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Dale Walsh, Converse Consulting

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CALL TO ORDER

Rebecca Bodnar called the meeting to order at 1:06:19. She discussed the mute process, and other housekeeping items. She reviewed the workshop agenda and purpose of the workshop. She noted that the workshop was being recorded and would be part of the public record.

SUMMARY

Rebecca Bodnar presented the proposed amendments to NAC 459 (Certification of Certain Consultants and Contractors). The proposed regulation changes would increase fees for certified individuals, require a bachelor's or advanced degree 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 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 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) within two years before the renewal of their certification.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dale Walsh: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Laureli Wagner: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Vasant Rajagopalan: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Kurt A. Goebel: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Michael Palmer: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Dale Walsh: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Todd Croft: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

Jonathan Tull: Comments in favor. Questions on content of the education requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Bodnar adjourned the workshop at 1:50:15 pm