



**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Workshops for Proposed Regulation Amendments
P2020-01**

Bureau of Water Pollution Control
February 4, February 7, and February 10 of 2020

The Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) of the Nevada Division of Environment Protection (Division) held three public workshops for proposed regulation P2020-01 and were presented at the same time as P2020-02. The workshops were held at the following locations:

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| <p>Monday February 10, 2020 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Grant Sawyer Bldg., RM 1100 555 E. Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89122</p> | <p>Friday February 7, 2020 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM Bryan Building, 2nd Floor Tahoe Room 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701</p> | <p>Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM 1751 College Ave. City Council Chambers Elko, Nevada</p> |
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Attendees:

Workshop Chairs:

In Elko, Carson City, and Las Vegas:
Elizabeth Kingsland, Chief, BWPC
Katrina Pascual, PE, Supervisor, BWPC

In Elko and Carson City:
Jennifer Carr, PE, Deputy Administrator, Division

Public Attendees for the Elko Workshop: Rick Woodward, Timothy G Higgins, Payden Dingman, Scott Dancz, Ryan Kolda, Chris Natoli, Clark Phillips, Rawl Narany, Amber Dehn, Dale Johnson, Cameron Billas, Kyler Simpkins, Jim Kerr, Kevin Woten, Mike Haddenham

Public Attendees for the Carson City Workshop: Stacey Van Diest, Bob Foerster, Mark Lovelady, Max Sosa, Tom Grundy, Krista Wahnefried, Edith Naas, Zane Nimmo

Public Attendees for the Las Vegas Workshop: Rex Heppe, Rebecca Dano, Ivan Monray, James Wayman, Erik Anderson, Steve Garrahan, Adrian Edwards, Megan Hente, William Kndzia, Linette McMonagle, Bella Bakrania, Zach Amos

Introduction:



Ms. Katrina Pascual called the workshops to order (1:15 pm – Elko; 10:15 am Carson City, 1:40pm Las Vegas) Ms. Pascual purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from interested parties regarding P2020-01 which add and amend section on NAC 445A that pertain to operators of plant for sewage treatment. An overview of the framework for the workshops and agenda were presented before the regulation presentation. Ms. Pascual informed attendees that no action would be taken by the Division at the workshop. The agenda in accordance with Open Meeting Law would have two public comment periods.

At each workshop after the introductory remarks, Ms. Pascual opened the first public comment period. There were no public comments received in the first public comment period at any of the workshops, and there were also no public comments to change or add items to the agenda at any of the workshops.

After the first public comment period, a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the proposed regulations was delivered by Katrina Pascual of BWPC. The questions/comments and public comments, with BWPC responses, are paraphrased below. After those public comments were received, Ms. Pascual asked for comments on any matter that was not included on the workshop agenda. There being no further comments by attendees, Ms. Pascual adjourned the workshops.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF P2020-01

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.

Paraphrased Public Questions and Comments

Las Vegas Workshop Questions and Comments:

Question: Just to clarify, if you’re going to a grade two to a grade three the 100 stays?

Answer: Yes, its 50 plus 50 for 100 total and then more post-secondary education.

Question: Clarify the Changes in the restricted certification

Answer:

- *No longer expires after 5 years*
- *Can be reobtained within two years of issuance*
- *Two ways you can lose your restricted certification: Don’t renew before its expiration; If you have a full certification, if you let that lapse then the restricted certification is no longer valid*
- *You have the option to retest for your certifications again of you let them expire at the same level you held*
- *Certification Fee changed and added a category for renewal, which is now \$70 for every two years*



- *If you already have a restricted certification, you can either stay with the original process and allow it to span over the five years and expire **OR** you can use the new program and renew every two years with the needed contact hours*

Question: You wouldn't allow for people to just retest for their restricted and then their full certification is redone at the same test?

Answer: No, they must have a full certification before they can test for their restricted.

Question: For the renewal process, is it just like a driver license where you must go and simply renew it? Do you have to test again?

Answer: It is just like that; no, you do not have to test again. But you must keep up with your continuing education which is the separate contact hours. If you have a full certification then it would be 5 separate contact hours on top of what you submit for your full cert.

Question: Is it just the 5 contact hours? It doesn't matter what level of restricted it is?

Answer: It does not matter; you need just 5 for every grade. For a grade three it is 15, for a grade 1 restricted it is just 5 for the full and 5 more if you have the restricted.

Carson City Workshop Questions and Comments

Question: Where do you go and take your certification testing?

Answer: Our certification tests are created by ABC (Associate Board of Certification), so NWEA holds three paper tests that you have and then you can do it online through PSI which is a major testing service. The applications and everything come through NDEP.

There were no Questions and Comments in the Las Vegas Workshop.