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R118-14: Nevada's Safe Drinking Water Program regulates public water systems using a combination of State regulations and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) adopted by reference. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted the NDEP primary enforcement responsibility for the NPDWR in 1978. In order to maintain primary enforcement responsibility, the NDEP must adopt regulations that are at least as stringent as new or amended federal regulations.

The purpose of the Revised Total Coliform Rule (TCR), which becomes effective on April 1, 2016, is to provide better health protection by decreasing the presence of coliform in drinking water. As required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), EPA reviewed the requirements of the 1989 TCR, identified enhancements to the TCR and revised the regulation. In summary, the revisions will require Public Water Systems (PWS) to identify and fix problems that are associated with the presence of Total Coliform and E. coli in their drinking water systems.

The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of January 4, 2011 is a revision of the existing Lead Free requirements of the SDWA and became effective nationally on January 4, 2014. The US Congress lowered the definition of "Lead Free" for fittings and fixtures from a maximum of 8% lead to a maximum of 0.25% lead. States are required to enforce the revised requirements and failure to address the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act will result in a 5% withholdings of Federal Grants for the Public Water System Supervision Program.