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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Proposed Regulation Petitions LCB File No. R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22 Bureau of Water Quality Planning September 15, 2022

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) is proposing to adopt regulation petitions LCB File No. R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22 amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.11704 – 445A.2234 – Standards for Water Quality and is accepting comments on these petitions until 5:00 pm September 24, 2022. All information on the proposed regulations is available at: <u>https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-standards/current-and-past-actions</u>

R114-22 Beryllium Petition: Nevada's current criteria for beryllium are limited to the beneficial uses of municipal or domestic supply (MDS) and irrigation (IRR). This regulation proposes to adopt EPA's current drinking water maximum contaminant level of 4 μ g/L into NAC 445A.1236 for the MDS beneficial use. NDEP also proposes a minor change in language under NAC 445A.1236(1)(c), changing "detection limit of a method" to "reporting limit of a method." This change will align the regulatory language with standard laboratory practices.

R115-22 Channels Tributary to Las Vegas Wash Petition: The drainage channels that are tributary to Las Vegas Wash have not previously been assigned their own designated beneficial uses. With population growth and expansion of the city, the tributary channels have become engineered flood-conveyance channels, with concrete lining throughout much of the valley. This regulation proposes to amend the NAC, to assign beneficial uses and criteria that are better suited for flood-conveyance channels.

R116-22 Las Vegas Wash Site-Specific Selenium Criteria Petition: In December 2019, the State Environmental Commission (SEC) adopted statewide ambient water quality criteria for Selenium which has since been approved by EPA. This regulation proposes to adopt site-specific selenium criteria for segments of the Las Vegas Wash as provided in the statewide Selenium standard (site-specific criteria to be adopted by the SEC prior to December 31, 2022).

The workshop will be held virtually from the Bryan Building at 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV in the Ponderosa Room, located on the 5th Floor and will be organized for participation in-person or virtually using the link provided for the virtual webinar below. The Ponderosa Conference Room has a limited capacity, but the Division will attempt to accommodate all persons who wish to participate in-person.

October 19, 2022, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Virtual Webinar: Join Workshop
Public Workshop for Proposed Regulation Petitions	Or call in (audio only)
R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22	<u>+1 775-321-6111,,253622142#</u> United States, Reno Phone Conference ID: 253 622 142#

Public comments will be accepted during the workshops and written comments will be accepted until October 24, 2022.

Submit Comments to:

Dave Simpson <u>dsimpson@ndep.nv.gov</u> Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Planning 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701 P: (775) 687-9548 F: (775) 687-5856 Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the workshops should notify BWQP no later than 5 days prior to the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the following locations: NDEP office in Carson City, State Library and Archives in Carson City, NDEP office in Las Vegas, and the Nevada Division of Minerals in Carson City.

AGENDA

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The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) at the public workshops on proposed permanent regulation petitions R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22. The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory hearing scheduled for December 14, 2022. The following items may be discussed out of order.

- 1) Call to order and introductions
- 2) Public comment (general)
- 3) BWQP will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22.
 - a. Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation R114-22
 - i. Question and answer period for R114-22
 - b. Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation R115-22
 - i. Question and answer period for R115-22
 - c. Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation R116-22
 - i. Question and answer period for R116-22
- 4) Public comment for proposed regulation R114-22, R1115-22, and R116-22
- 5) Public comment (general)
- 6) Adjournment