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**STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

The Policy on Arsenic Projects was implemented at the July 20, 2004 Board for Financing Water Projects Public Meeting.

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a protocol for Arsenic compliance projects under the Capital Improvement Grant.

**REFERENCE:**

The new Federal arsenic standard of 10 µg/l effective January 23, 2006.

**BACKGROUND:**

Many Nevada public water systems will be required to construct treatment facilities to meet, by January 23, 2006 (unless extended) the new arsenic standard of 10 µg/l. The capital cost, statewide, is expected to be about \$250 to \$300 million. This staggering cost cannot be paid with the limited funds managed by the Board for Financing Water Projects. To conserve the available grant funds and maintain the viability of the grant program, the Board for Financing Water projects finds it necessary to establish this policy for considering the funding of arsenic projects.

**BOARD POLICY:**

1. After the date of adoption of this policy, no new arsenic projects will be funded by the Board for Financing Water Projects before January 23, 2006, unless there are very compelling reasons to make an exception.
2. Before an arsenic project will be funded by the Board for Financing Water Projects, the public water system must have obtained an exemption or other form of extension or must have been denied an exemption or time extension or must demonstrate that a time extension is not otherwise obtainable.
3. Before applying for a grant or letter of intent for an arsenic removal project, a water system must be listed on the current Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Priority List.

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4. Before a drinking water utility can receive a grant to remove arsenic, that drinking water utility must apply for loans and grants in the maximum amount possible from: the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, USDA Rural Development, CDBG, and/or other local lending intuitions.
5. This policy on arsenic projects does not apply to a grant for an engineering study.