

**- NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS -**  
**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Proposed Revision of Nevada Solid Waste Recycling Regulations**

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will be holding two workshops to discuss proposed revisions to Nevada regulations concerning the recycling of solid waste. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Northern Nevada  
Wednesday, October 18, 2000  
9:00 AM  
US Geological Survey  
Conference Room 223  
333 W. Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada

Southern Nevada  
Friday, October 20, 2000  
10:00 AM  
Las Vegas Valley Water District  
1001 South Valley View Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada

The NDEP is proposing regulatory changes to implement Assembly Bill No. 564, passed in the 1999 legislative session. AB 564 amends several statutes to expand recycling programs to include public (government) buildings as well as residential premises. In conjunction with the above, the NDEP will also propose a related regulatory standard concerning paper recycling by state agencies. The appended *Fact Sheet* contains more information on the proposed changes. The workshops are intended to provide a forum to discuss the proposed regulatory changes and collect public input. No formal voting or other action will be taken at the workshops. This public notice and *Fact Sheet* will be posted on the NDEP web site at [www.state.nv.us/ndep](http://www.state.nv.us/ndep) (see "What's New" or "Public Notices"), and other information concerning this regulatory development will be posted as available.

After the workshops and NDEP review of the comments received, the NDEP will submit a petition to the Nevada State Environmental Commission (SEC) to amend the regulations. The SEC will schedule a hearing and announce a 30-day public notice period. Persons on our mailing list will be notified of the time and place of the hearing. The public notice period provides interested parties the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed regulations to the SEC. The SEC will also accept oral comments at the hearing.

For further information regarding the proposed revisions to Nevada solid waste recycling regulations, please contact:

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# SOLID WASTE FACT SHEET

## Recycling Regulatory Development - September 2000

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### A. Recycling at Public Buildings (AB 564)

#### Background

Under existing recycling statutes and regulations (Chapter 444A), counties with populations greater than 100,000 must provide residential collection service for recyclable materials where garbage collection service is also provided. The State Environmental Commission (SEC) was also mandated to adopt minimum standards and a model plan for “separating at the source recyclable material from other solid waste originating from residential premises.” These provisions have been implemented and are now commonplace in Clark and Washoe Counties.

AB 564, passed in 1999, amended NRS Chapter 444A to establish parallel requirements for *public buildings*. The SEC must now adopt minimum standards for, and the NDEP must, by regulation, adopt a model plan for, source-separation of recyclables at public buildings. The affected counties (Clark & Washoe) must now **make available** programs for collection of source separated recyclable materials at *public buildings*.

#### Conceptual Framework for State Implementation

The Division proposes to extend the requirement to public buildings by adding the words ***and public buildings*** to existing language in Ch. 444A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The term “*public building*” would be defined in the regulation as ***any building occupied by:***

- 1. Any component of the University and Community College System of Nevada and used for any purpose related to the system;***
- 2. The State of Nevada or any county, city, school district or other political subdivision of the state and used for any public purpose; or***
- 3. Any component of the United States government and used for any public purpose.***

The regulation would establish a minimum number of recyclable materials to be collected. The NDEP will produce a model plan to provide technical guidance on recycling at public buildings.

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### B. Recycling of Paper and Paper Products by State Agencies

#### Background

NRS 232.007 requires state agencies to recycle paper and paper products. To facilitate state agency recycling programs, the SEC is required to adopt regulations which prescribe procedures for paper and paper product recycling. The AB 564 revision to the regulations also allows the NDEP to prescribe procedures for the recycling of other waste materials produced by state agencies.

#### Conceptual Framework for State Implementation

In order to implement the above requirements the NDEP proposes a regulatory amendment that will require each state agency to prepare a written recycling plan. The agency plan would include the following elements:

1. A statement of the agency’s recycling goal;
  2. Identification of employee, and custodial service, responsibilities for the separation of paper, paper products, and other recyclable materials from agency-generated solid waste;
  3. Procedures necessary for efficient separation and aggregation of paper, paper products and other recyclable materials;
  4. Designation of an agency recycling coordinator;
  5. Recycling program promotion and training of agency employees; and
  6. Monitoring of plan implementation and periodic assessment of its effectiveness.
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***Note: AB 564 can be viewed at [www.leg.state.nv.us/70th/Reports/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/70th/Reports/)***