

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 4, 2011, IF REQUESTED**

conducted by the
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

Pursuant to the public hearing requirements in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 section 102, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is issuing the following notice.

On October 15, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) revised the national ambient air quality standard for lead. The revised standard of 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), averaged over a three-month period, is 90 percent more stringent than the former 1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ standard and carries several new requirements with it. When US EPA promulgates a new standard or, as in the case of lead, revises an existing standard, Clean Air Act section 110(a)(1) requires each state to revise their State Implementation Plan (SIP) to show they have the authority and programs needed to implement, maintain, and enforce the standard, regardless of designation status. This documentation is submitted to US EPA for approval and is generally referred to as an infrastructure SIP. States must submit an infrastructure SIP within three years after a federal standard is adopted or revised. Nevada's Lead Infrastructure SIP is due to US EPA by October 15, 2011.

The NDEP is responsible for developing and implementing SIPs in the 15 rural counties of Nevada. Clark County and Washoe County have their own air quality agencies, which are responsible for their respective counties. The NDEP has prepared a draft Lead Infrastructure SIP to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The NDEP's draft SIP and related materials are available on the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>, click on "Air Quality Planning." Access to the draft SIP may also be obtained by contacting Adele Malone at NDEP, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9356; or e-mail to amalone@ndep.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed SIP or to request a public hearing should submit their comments or request **in writing** either in person or by mail or fax to Adele Malone at the above address or by FAX at (775) 687-6396. ***A request for a hearing must be received by September 30, 2011. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until October 4, 2011 and will be retained and considered.***

Upon receipt of a valid written request, the NDEP will hold a public hearing in Carson City on:

**October 4, 2011
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
PEBP Board Room (Rm. 1002), 1st Floor
9001 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada**

An agenda will be posted on the NDEP web site at least 3 working days before the hearing. Oral comments will be received at the Hearing. If no request for a public hearing is received by September 30, 2011, the hearing will be cancelled. Persons may check on the status of the hearing on the NDEP web site at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>, click on "Air Quality Planning," or you may call the NDEP Bureau of Air Quality Planning at (775) 687-9349.

This notice has been published in the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Reno Gazette Journal newspapers. It has been posted at the NDEP offices in Carson City and Las Vegas, at the State Library in Carson City and at County libraries throughout Nevada. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Adele Malone or Cathy Douglas (775-687-9349) no later than 3 working days before the hearing.

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