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PUBLIC NOTICE - Data Request
Water Quality Data and Information for the 2014 Integrated Report
and Surface Water Quality Assessment (303(d)/305(b))

In 1972, Congress passed Public Law 92-500, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA). The goal of the CWA is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) implements the CWA in Nevada, with oversight from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Every two years, NDEP is required by the CWA to conduct a comprehensive analysis of water quality data associated with Nevada's surface waters to assess whether state surface water quality standards are being met and designated uses are being supported. NDEP is soliciting water quality, sediment and biological data to be used in the 2014 assessment. Past Integrated Reports are located at: <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/303dlist.htm>.

Data and information may be submitted by anyone, including private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, and may include: documentation describing the current water quality condition of a waterbody; and/or data pertaining to water quality, sediment and biological data, the physical, chemical and/or biological conditions of waterbodies, and fish tissue. NDEP staff will evaluate all submissions on a case by case basis to determine whether the information and data are applicable and useful for characterizing waterbody condition.

All submittals should meet the following requirements:

- Include the name of the organization or person providing the information and the name and telephone number or email address for a contact person that can answer questions about the submitted information.
- Data should reflect water quality conditions during the time period **October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2012**.
- Numeric data is preferred to be in electronic form (spreadsheet, database or ASCII format) although this information can be submitted in hardcopy format. The data submittal should include at a minimum:
 - site location id;
 - waterbody name;
 - location description;
 - latitude and longitude (or other geographic coordinate description);
 - sample date;
 - sample time;
 - sample depth;
 - parameter, with units; and
 - if appropriate, comments pertaining to the data or the sampling event.
- All data and information must have been collected and developed in a scientifically sound and defensible manner.

- Numeric chemical, physical and biological data must be accompanied by documentation of the quality assurance methods used to collect, analyze, and report the data.
- Sampling locations must be accurately described; if possible, maps showing sampling location(s) should be included.
- Nutrient data must be reported with the speciation and the parameter name, for example Nitrate (as N) or (as NO₃) or Total Phosphate (as P) or (as PO₄).
- Metals data must be reported as either total or dissolved.
- The detection or reporting limits for each parameter must be included, noting if the limits have changed over the assessment period.

All submittals will be accepted until **November 30, 2013**.

Submittals as well as questions or comments should be directed to either:

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