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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 19, 2013 AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 20, 2013, 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 to solicit comments on a proposal to certify that the existing Nevada State Implementation Plan (SIP) is adequate for implementation of the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in those areas under the NDEP's jurisdiction.

On June 22, 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) established a new 1-hour SO₂ standard at a level of 75 parts per billion (75 FR 35520). Clean Air Act section 110(a)(1) requires each state to submit a plan showing it has the authority and programs needed to implement, maintain, and enforce any new or revised standard, regardless of designation status; section 110(a)(2) lists the elements that must be addressed in the plan. Because many of the section 110(a)(2) elements relate to the general information and authorities that constitute the infrastructure of a state's air quality management program, the 110(a) plans are generally referred to as "infrastructure SIPs." The NDEP's portion of Nevada's 2010 SO₂ NAAQS infrastructure SIP is a compilation of existing authorities and programs to demonstrate that the NDEP has a plan in place to address the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS. Nevada's SO₂ infrastructure SIP will be submitted to US EPA in May 2013.

The NDEP is responsible for developing and implementing state plans 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's portion of the Nevada SO₂ infrastructure 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 documents may also be obtained by contacting Tony Roberts at NDEP, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9543; or e-mail to aroberts@ndep.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft plan or to request a public hearing should submit their written comments or request either in person or by mail or fax to Tony Roberts at the above address or by fax at (775) 687-6396. ***A request for a hearing must be received by May 13, 2013. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until 5:00 PM PDT, May 20, 2013 and will be retained and considered.***

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

**May 20, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Great Basin Conference Room, 4th Floor
901 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 May 13, 2013, 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 hearing are requested to notify Tony Roberts or Cathy Douglas (775-687-9349) no later than 3 working days before the hearing.

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