



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 15, 2014, 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.

In 1977, Congress amended the Clean Air Act (CAA) establishing a national goal to protect visibility in Class I federal areas - primarily national parks and wilderness areas. The amendments called for the "prevention of any future, and the remedying of any existing, impairment of visibility in mandatory class I Federal areas which impairment results from manmade air pollution." Nevada has one mandatory Class I area, the Jarbidge Wilderness Area, in the northeast corner of the state managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

In 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) adopted the Regional Haze Rule (RHR) requiring each affected state to develop and adopt a plan to improve the haziest days and protect the clearest days at each mandatory Class I area in the state with a goal of returning to natural visibility conditions by the year 2064. The NDEP submitted a Regional Haze state implementation plan (SIP) to USEPA on November 18, 2009. The RHR requires periodic progress reports every five years after the initial SIP is submitted. The NDEP has prepared a draft "Nevada Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report" (Report) to meet the requirements of the federal rule. The Report will be submitted to the USEPA by November 18, 2014.

The draft Report and related materials are available on the NDEP website at: http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#air_qp or <http://ndep.nv.gov/baqp/index.htm>. Access to the draft report 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 draft 5-year progress report during the comment period or to request a public hearing should submit their comments or request in writing either in person, by postal service, or fax to Adele Malone at the NDEP address above, or by FAX at (775) 687-6396. ***A request for a hearing must be received by October 6, 2014. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until 5:00 PM PST, October 15, 2014 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 15, 2014
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Great Basin Conference Room, 4th Floor-South
901 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada**

An agenda will be posted on the NDEP web site at least 3 working days prior to the hearing. Oral comments will be received at the Hearing. If no request for a public hearing is received by October 6, 2014, 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#air_qp, 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 Adele Malone (775-687-9356) no later than 3 full working days before the hearing.

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