

**Public Workshops on
Proposed New Mercury Control Program and Amendments to
Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 445B, Air Controls**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to amend Chapter 445B of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), AIR CONTROLS: AIR POLLUTION. The following workshop has been scheduled to solicit comments from persons interested in the regulatory amendments (petition) described below:

**Reno
Thursday, August 10, 2006
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Conference Room A
Nevada Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
(Please park on north side of building.)**

LCB File No. R162-06 (P2006-18). The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to amend NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3497 by adding a new program to control air emissions of mercury from coal-fired electric utility steam generating units (EGUs). This action is in response to a federal requirement for states to control annual mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

In May 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR). Under CAMR each state received an annual budget for mercury emissions from new and existing coal-fired EGUs; a nationwide cap was also set. The program developed by the State of Nevada proposes to modify the EPA “Cap and Trade” program from CAMR and tailor it to the unique needs of the state. The major objective of Nevada’s CAMR Program is to provide an incentive for reducing mercury at existing facilities and encourage new facilities to install state of the art controls for mercury emissions.

A copy of materials relating to the proposed regulations may be obtained at the workshops or on the State Environmental Commission website at: http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0906.htm (Regulation R162-06). Materials are also available from Adele Malone at NDEP, 901 S. Carson Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9356; or e-mail to amalone@ndep.nv.gov. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Adele Malone no later than 3 working days before the workshop.

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