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Pursuant to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the State of Nevada is required to develop a list of impaired waterbodies that need additional work beyond existing controls to achieve or maintain water quality standards. The additional work includes the establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The 2008 Integrated Report [CWA 303(d) & 305(b) reports] is a basis for targeting waterbodies for watershed-based solutions. The TMDL process provides an analytical framework to develop such solutions.

In support of the State's 2008 Integrated Report efforts, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection - Bureau of Water Quality Planning (NDEP-BWQP) is soliciting the public for data and information pertaining to the water quality conditions of surface waters in Nevada.

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

All submittals should meet the following requirements:

- The name of the organization or person providing the information must be included, along with 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 five-year time period October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.
- Numeric data is preferred to be in electronic form (spreadsheet, database or ASCII format) including at a minimum: site location, date, time, depth, parameter and units. However, this information can be submitted in hardcopy format to NDEP-BWQP.
- Numeric chemical, physical and biological data must be accompanied by documentation of the quality assurance methods used collecting, analyzing, and reporting the data.

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- All data and information are to have been collected and developed in a scientifically sound and defensible manner.
- Sampling locations must be accurately described. Maps showing sampling location(s) should be included.

All submittals will be accepted until **February 1, 2008**. It is suggested that anyone wishing to submit data and information first contact us to verify that the data are suitable for the 2008 Integrated Report process. Submittals as well as questions or comments should be directed to:

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