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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Action
Bureau of Air Quality Planning
Web Posting Date: August 20, 2008

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Air Quality Planning (BAQP), has available for public comment, the Public Notice For Exceptional Events (Public Notice) that resulted from exceedences of PM₁₀ (particulate matter measuring 10 microns or less) in Pahrump. High wind events in Pahrump, starting September 22, 2006 and extending thru June 4, 2008, have lead to PM₁₀ exceedences when dust is entrained into the atmosphere. As required by Federal Regulations, NDEP-BAQP is providing Public Notice of these Exceptional Events.

The Public Notice identifies the relationship between high winds and blowing dust in Pahrump. Information regarding the health effects of blowing dust is provided in the Public Notice. Education and outreach to reduce exposure, before and during the high wind events, is an important part of this Public Notice. Also included in the Public Notice is the supporting monitoring and meteorological data to show there is a causal relationship between high winds and PM₁₀ exceedances in Pahrump, the basis for NDEP-BAQP's determination that the exceedences are Exceptional Events.

A draft of the Public Notice is available, upon request, by contacting Terry Hall. The draft Public Notice is also available on NDEP'S website on the public notice page. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Public Notice should submit their comments in writing and be delivered either in person, by mail, or by fax, to:

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Written comments will be received until September 20, 2008, and will be retained and considered.

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