



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 14, 2012 AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 15, 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 and is taking comment on a proposed certification that the existing Nevada State Implementation Plan (SIP) is adequate for implementation of the 2010 nitrogen dioxide national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS).

On February 9, 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) published (75 FR 6474) a new 1-hour NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen as measured by nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) to supplement the existing annual standard, effective April 12, 2010. When US EPA promulgates a new standard or revises an existing standard, Clean Air Act section 110(a)(1) requires each state to submit a plan showing they have the authority and programs needed to implement, maintain, and enforce the standard, regardless of designation status. This documentation is submitted to US EPA for approval and is generally referred to as an "infrastructure SIP." States must submit an infrastructure SIP within three years after a federal standard is adopted or revised. Nevada's NO₂ infrastructure SIP will be submitted to US EPA by January 22, 2013, the submittal deadline.

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 has prepared a draft NO₂ plan demonstrating that Nevada's existing authority and programs meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The NDEP's draft 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 document may also be obtained by contacting Frank Forsgren at NDEP, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9364; or e-mail to fforsgre@ndep.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Nevada Clean Air Act section 110(a)(2) submittal or to request a public hearing should submit their comments or request **in writing** either in person or by mail or fax to Frank Forsgren at the above address or by fax at (775) 687-6396. ***A request for a hearing must be received by January 7, 2013. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until 5:00 PM PST, January 15, 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:

January 15, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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

January 7, 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 Frank Forsgren or Cathy Douglas (775-687-9349) no later than 3 working days before the hearing.

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