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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: NEW BUILDING, NEW LEADERS

NDEP promotes two supervisors to chief positions to run air and water quality programs and welcomes the safe drinking water program from the Nevada State Health Division

CARSON CITY—This week the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection promoted two women, Jennifer Carr, P.E., and Kathy Sertic, to lead the Bureaus of Air Quality Planning and Water Quality Planning respectively.

These vacancies were created when Tom Porta was promoted in January to Deputy Administrator from Chief of Water Quality Planning and most recently when Colleen Cripps, Ph.D., was promoted to Deputy Administrator from Chief of Air Quality Planning.

NDEP Administrator Leo Drozdoff said, "We couldn't be more pleased with the candidates for the Deputy and Chief positions. Jennifer Carr and Kathy Sertic are highly capable leaders who bring many years of management experience and a vision for the future of this agency."

Carr has been with NDEP for nine years serving most recently as a Supervisor in the Bureau of Corrective Actions. In this position she was responsible for oversight of major cleanup projects such as one of the largest and most complex remediation plans in Nevada—the cleanup of soil and water contamination at the former Basic Magnesium, Inc. plant in Henderson, Nev. Carr will apply her experience in characterizing chemical releases to the environment to the air medium in developing the states' air quality standards and providing public outreach.

Sertic will mark her 16th year with NDEP in October. She started in the Mining Regulation and Reclamation Bureau and transferred to Water Quality Planning three years later. Most recently she supervised the Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program. Sertic places a high priority on public education and outreach and she plans to build on outreach programs such as Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) as well as to enhance coordination between other NDEP programs and bureaus to address water quality issues.

When NDEP took occupancy of the new Richard H. Bryan building, the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW), lead by Bureau Chief Andrew Huray, joined the agency. The group was transferred July 1, 2005 from the Nevada State Health Division by Senate Bill 395 and effectively combines all of the water quality and water pollution control bureaus under one agency.

The new Bureau of Safe Drinking Water is responsible for safeguarding Nevada's public water systems. The BSDW provides public services such as coordinating drinking water well samples and reducing outbreaks of waterborne disease from infectious agents and chemical poisoning of public water systems. The phone number for the Bureau has changed to 775.687.9520 and the new Web address is <http://ndep.nv.gov/bsdw/index.htm>.

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