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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to Reclaimed Regulations

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC), is proposing regulation R144-26 to amend Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) governing the use of Reclaimed Water. A public workshop will be held to discuss the proposed amendments and receive comments from interested persons.

November 18, 2026
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (PST)
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Bryan Building, Bonnie Room, 1st Floor
901 S Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89701

The proposed amendments are intended to establish requirements for the treatment, supply and use of reclaimed water for indoor direct evaporative cooling and indoor evaporative humidification for certain industrial processes; authorizing certain uses of reclaimed water in reuse category A.

Existing regulations prohibit the use of reclaimed water for maintaining a controlled temperature and humidity environment if air that contacts the reclaimed water is delivered to an area that may be occupied. The revisions of this regulation authorizes the use of reclaimed water that meets the bacteriological quality for reuse category A for indoor direct evaporative cooling or indoor evaporative humidification in areas where public access is restricted, even if human contact with the reclaimed water can reasonably be expected to occur, if the use of the reclaimed water meets the requirements this regulation and the use is for an industrial process in an industry that is classified as: (1) primary metal manufacturing; (2) electrical equipment, appliance and component manufacturing; (3) transportation equipment manufacturing; (4) warehousing and storage; or (5) computing infrastructure providers, data processing, web hosting and related services.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed regulation changes should submit their comments or requests, in writing, hand-delivered, or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 18, 2026, either in person or by mail to:

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The workshop will be held in the DCNR Bonnie Room (1st Floor), Bryan Building, 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, and will also be available virtually. The Bonnie Room has limited capacity; however, the Division will make every effort to accommodate those wishing to attend in person. Virtual participation is available using the information provided below.

Hearing Link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2477091356165233?p=xCsMWn3nP9jSokyVu4
Meeting ID: 247 709 135 616 523 3
Passcode: Qj6Wo3m6
Dial in by Phone: +1 775-321-6111
Phone conference ID: 833 830 976#

All comments or objections received within the fifteen-day period and during the public hearing will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the permit.

Notice of the workshop has been posted at the following locations: The Nevada State Library at 100 N Stewart Street, Carson Cit, NV; The Richard Bryan Building at 901 S Stewart Street, Carson City, NV; The NDEP Las Vegas office at 375 E Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, NV. The notice and proposed regulations may be found at the following web link: https://ndep.nv.gov/posts. Comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Ben Kahue, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9414 or bkahue@ndep.nv.gov.

AGENDA
Proposed Regulation R144-26
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

The purpose of the public workshop is to receive comments from interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at the public workshops on proposed permanent regulation R144-26. The workshops are informational and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at the next regulatory meeting. The following items may be taken out of order and/or items may be combined for consideration.

1. Call to order and introductions

2. Public comment

3. Presentation of proposed regulation R144-26, Amendments to Use of Reclaimed Water regulations.

4. Public comment and questions. **

5. Adjournment

** Public comment may be limited to five minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson. The chair reserves the right to dispense with repetitive comments on a given topic.