

Form #4

Small Business Impact Disclosure and Statement

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Instructions for Completing Form #4

This form is used by Nevada state agencies to document the evaluation of potential impacts that a proposed regulation may have on small businesses, as required under the [Nevada Administrative Procedure Act](#) (**NRS 233B.0608** and **NRS 233B.0609**). The purpose of this form is to ensure that agencies assess possible economic effects on small businesses, consult with those businesses when appropriate, and clearly describe the methods, findings, and conclusions of that assessment.

When preparing a Small Business Impact Statement (SBIS), agencies must:

- Determine whether the proposed regulation may impose a direct and significant economic burden on a small business or restrict its formation, operation, or expansion.
- Make a concerted effort to obtain input from affected small businesses when an impact is likely.
- Analyze the potential economic effects of the proposed regulation, including both beneficial and adverse impacts, and both direct and indirect impacts.
- Consider and document methods to reduce the regulatory impact on small businesses.
- Provide detailed information required under Nevada law, including solicitation of comments, analysis methodology, estimated impacts, enforcement cost estimates, fee-related disclosures, explanations of duplicative or more stringent requirements, and the reasons for the agency's conclusions.
- Identify the number of small businesses likely to be affected.
- Identify any chambers of commerce or trade associations notified about the proposed regulation and describe the manner in which they were notified.
- Ensure that the completed SBIS is available to the public as required and submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau with the regulation.

A "small business" is defined in **NRS 233B.0382** as a business conducted for profit that employs fewer than **150 full-time or part-time employees**.

Complete all applicable sections of this form and attach supporting documentation as needed. The agency director, executive head, or other responsible designee must certify that the information provided is accurate and that a good-faith effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

Small Business Impact Disclosure

A “**yes**” response to either question **I** or question **II** indicates that a Small Business Impact Statement (SBIS) is required to be noticed and available at the public workshop.

I. Does the proposed regulation impose a direct and significant economic burden on a small business?

State “yes” or “no.” If “no,” provide an explanation and submit any supporting documentation (this information may also be addressed in Item 11 of the SBIS and referenced here). If “yes,” reference the attached SBIS.

No.

The proposed regulation changes do not impose a direct and significant economic burden on a small business. The changes do not create new fees, new operational requirements, or new compliance obligations that would increase costs for small businesses.

II. Does the proposed regulation restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business?

State “yes” or “no.” If “no,” provide an explanation and submit any supporting documentation (this information may also be addressed in Item 11 of the SBIS and referenced here). If “yes,” reference the attached SBIS.

No.

The proposed regulation changes add a new certification for a small wastewater system operator and does not create new permitting barriers, operational limits, or compliance obligations. No impacts on small business formation or growth are expected.

Small Business Impact Statement

1. Describe how comments were solicited from affected small businesses, summarize the responses received, and explain how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary. Attach all comments received and any workshop attendance sheets, clearly noting which attendees were identified as small businesses.

The Division will solicit input from potentially affected small businesses by issuing a public workshop notice to its regulatory mailing lists, posting the notice and proposed regulation on the agency's website, and providing public notice consistent with Nevada's open meeting requirements. Small businesses will be able to submit written comments or provide input during the workshop.

2. **Total number of small businesses affected.** Provide the estimated number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

NA

3. **Notification to chambers and trade associations.** List all chambers of commerce and trade associations that were notified regarding the proposed regulation.

Austin Nevada Chamber of Commerce, Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Beatty Chamber of Commerce, Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Fernley Chamber of Commerce, Goldfield Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, Pershing County Chamber of Commerce, Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, Tonopah Main Street, White Pine Chamber of Commerce, Yerington Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Water Environment Association

4. **Description of notification methods.** Describe how each organization was notified (email, direct outreach, public posting, formal distribution list, etc.).

Emails containing the notice were sent and the notice was posted publicly.

5. Describe the method used to conduct the analysis, if an impact on small businesses was identified.

If the proposed regulation is determined to have an economic impact on small businesses, the Division will conduct an analysis by reviewing any comments submitted by small businesses, evaluating information provided during the public workshop, and assessing the nature and extent of any reported costs or operational effects. The Division will also consider the number and type of small businesses affected and the specific regulatory provisions identified as creating an impact. The results of this analysis will be summarized in the Small Business Impact Statement and made available to interested persons upon request.

6. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on small businesses:

No economic effect on small businesses is expected. The proposed regulation adds a new certification for a small wastewater system operator and does not create new costs or obligations. Any impacts identified during the workshop or comment period will be evaluated

- a. Both adverse and beneficial effects:

No adverse or beneficial effects on small businesses are anticipated. The proposed regulation clarifies existing requirements without creating new costs, restrictions, or operational changes. If any effects are identified during the workshop or comment period, they will be evaluated and included in the final SBIS.

- b. Both direct and indirect effects:

No direct or indirect effects on small businesses are anticipated. The proposed regulation does not create new costs, requirements, or operational changes. If any direct or indirect impacts are identified during the workshop or comment period, they will be evaluated and documented in the final SBIS.

7. Provide a description of the methods the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses, and state whether any of those methods were actually implemented. Include a discussion of each method listed below, as applicable.

Since no impacts are expected, the Division has not needed to apply any impact-reduction methods. If impacts are identified during the workshop or comment period, the Division will consider options such as simplifying requirements, adjusting timelines, or clarifying language. Any methods used will be documented in the final SBIS.

- a. Simplification of the proposed regulation:

The Division will consider simplifying regulatory language or requirements if any small business impacts are identified during the workshop or comment period. At this time, no impacts are expected, so no simplification has been necessary.

- b. Establishment of alternative or reduced compliance standards for small businesses:

If impacts are identified, the Division will evaluate whether alternative standards or compliance pathways for small businesses are appropriate and consistent with program requirements. Because no impacts are anticipated, no alternative standards have been applied.

c. Modification of fees or fines to allow small businesses to pay a reduced amount:

The regulation does not necessarily propose a new fee, but allows a pathway for wastewater treatment operators to take an examination without applying for a restricted certificate or for a full certificate. There will now be an "examination only" fee that did not exist before and a new full application fee that will factor in the operator already paying for the examination fee. The Division does not expect to collect any additional fees with these changes nor will there

8. Provide the estimated cost to the agency for enforcing the proposed regulation, including an explanation of the methods used to develop that estimate.

No additional enforcement costs are expected. The changes propose a new small wastewater system operator certification, and they do not require new staffing, new equipment, or expanded oversight activities. Enforcement will continue under the Division's current permitting and inspection framework with no increase in operational expenses.

9. If the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing one, provide the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and explain how the funds will be used.

The Division does not expect to collect any additional fees with these changes. The regulation does not necessarily propose a new fee, but allows a pathway for wastewater treatment operators to take an examination without applying for a restricted certificate or for a full certificate. There will now be an "examination only" fee that did not exist before and a new full application fee that will factor in the operator already paying for the examination fee. These fees already existed, there will now be an additional way to implement the same fees.

10. If the proposed regulation includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards regulating the same activity, provide an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

NA

11. The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

Since the Division has not yet conducted the workshop, collected comments, or completed the small business impact study, no impacts have been identified at this stage. The preliminary conclusion, that no impact is expected, is based solely on the nature of the proposed amendments. If the workshop, comment period, or impact study identifies any potential effects on small businesses, the Division will evaluate that information and revise the final SBIS accordingly.

Certification Statement

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses; that all required information has been accurately and properly included in this Small Business Impact Statement; and that the information contained herein is complete and accurate.

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Administrator, NDEP

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