

FACT SHEET: Nevada Water Quality Integrated Report

What is the Integrated Report?

Every two years, Nevada conducts a comprehensive assessment of Nevada's surface waters using all readily available water quality data and information. This assessment is done to determine whether State surface water quality standards are being met, and designated uses are being supported. Nevada's surface water quality standards can be found in [NAC 445A.11704 – 2234](#). These reports are submitted to the EPA for approval. Once approved this information is used as a guide for water resource management decisions.

What are Integrated Report Categories?

Assessed waterbody segments have designated beneficial uses and water quality criteria designed to protect those uses. To develop the Integrated Report, the beneficial uses for each waterbody segment were evaluated to determine their level of support. A given beneficial use is considered fully supported if all associated water quality standards are met. Likewise, a beneficial use is not supported (impaired) if any one of the associated water quality standards are not met. For many waterbodies, insufficient data/information may be available to make a full use support determination for every beneficial use. Based upon these assessments, each waterbody segment is placed in one of the following categories:

Category 1 – All beneficial uses are supported.

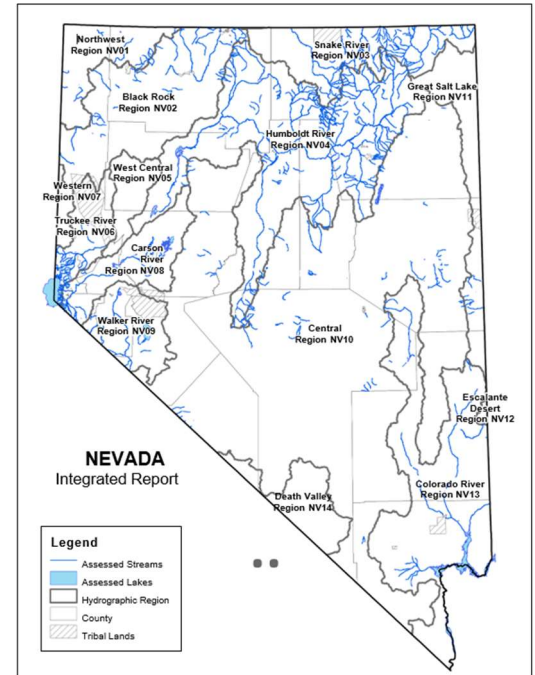
Category 2 – Some beneficial uses are supported; insufficient or no data available to assess other uses.

Category 3 – Insufficient data to assess any beneficial uses.

Category 4 – Impaired or threatened for one or more beneficial uses but not needing a TMDL* because:

Category 4a – An EPA-approved TMDL exists for every parameter causing impairment.

Category 5 – At least one beneficial use is not supported (impaired) and a TMDL is needed. Assessment units in this category populate the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters.



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What is an Impaired Waterbody?

The Section 303(d) list (impaired waters list) identifies pollutant/beneficial use combinations on waterbodies that may need additional work to achieve water quality goals. The Clean Water Act requires that a plan be developed to improve water quality for each pollutant/waterbody pair appearing on the 303(d) list. The NDEP prioritizes this list for development of water quality improvement plans.



Where Can I Find More Information/How Can I Participate?

Submit your surface water quality data and information for consideration in future Integrated Reports:

<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/special-reports>

Provide comments on draft reports and learn more about the Nevada Water Quality Integrated Report:

<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-standards/303d-305b-water-quality-integrated-report>

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