

Notice of Webinar and Technical Sessions concerning proposed regulatory action on Nevada’s DRAFT Antidegradation Program, with implementation procedures and a process for nominating and classifying unique waterbodies as ecological and aesthetic waters (EAWs).

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will hold a webinar and two technical sessions on a proposed regulatory action for Nevada’s DRAFT Antidegradation Program, with implementation procedures and a process for nominating and classifying unique waterbodies as ecological and aesthetic waters (EAWs). For information on this regulatory action please visit the website at: <https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-standards/current-and-past-actions/antideg>.

The webinar and technical sessions will be held virtually from the Bryan Building at 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV in the Great Basin Conference Room, located on the 4th Floor, South. The public is encouraged to participate either virtually or telephonically using the links or the dial-in numbers provided below for each meeting. The meeting schedules are as follows:

Webinar - Introduction to Nevada’s DRAFT Antidegradation Implementation Procedures, including Nevada’s DRAFT process for nominating Ecological and Aesthetic Waters (EAWs)

September 2, 2021, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Join the meeting: <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/10328569>

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Technical Session #1 - Nevada’s DRAFT Antidegradation Implementation Procedures, including Nevada’s DRAFT process for nominating Ecological and Aesthetic Waters (EAWs)

September 9, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Technical Session #2 - Nevada's DRAFT Antidegradation Implementation Procedures, including Nevada's DRAFT process for nominating Ecological and Aesthetic Waters (EAWs)

September 16, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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The purpose of the meetings are to discuss and solicit comments from all interested persons regarding Nevada's DRAFT Antidegradation Implementation Procedures, including Nevada's DRAFT process for nominating Ecological and Aesthetic Waters (EAWs).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603.

R119-20: Bureau of Water Quality Planning - Nevada's DRAFT Antidegradation Implementation Procedures, including Nevada's DRAFT process for nominating Ecological and Aesthetic Waters (EAWs)

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing a regulatory action for adoption of an updated antidegradation program with clear implementation procedures which would be applicable to all surface waters of the State. The proposed regulatory action also outlines a process for nominating certain State waters which have exceptional or special water quality characteristics or important ecological, aesthetic or recreational value as an "ecological or aesthetic water (EAW)." The designation of an EAW would involve another future formal rule-making process specific to the nominated waterbody.

The objective of antidegradation is to ensure high quality surface waters retain their high quality and existing quality in other surface waters are protected from unnecessary pollution. This objective is achieved through adoption of an antidegradation program and implementation procedures to ensure that waters are protected from regulated activities which have the potential to lower water quality. EAWs are afforded a higher level of antidegradation protection to maintain and protect the unique or special characteristic.