

**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Bureau of Water Quality Planning**

**2018 Triennial Review Public Process to Solicit Comments on  
Nevada's Water Quality Standards**

Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that states review existing water quality standards at least once every three years. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the State Environmental Commission meet this requirement through the adoption of water quality standards into the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) on a regular basis. The most recent revisions to the NAC include the following:

- 2017 Revisions to numeric criteria for E. coli statewide;
- 2017 Corrections and updates throughout all water quality tables in the NAC (“the consistency petition”)

Additionally, about once every three years, the NDEP Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) conducts a Triennial Review which opens a public comment period and holds public workshops to solicit input on any issues or concerns related to water quality standards that NDEP should evaluate during the next few years. BWQP will be holding public workshops in Carson City, Elko, and Las Vegas on November 26, November 27 and November 28, respectively. The public comment period is open through December 28, 2018. Public comments will be accepted in person at the workshops, by letter, or by email.

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This public process is used to guide BWQP's focus on what we should pursue regarding water quality standards, monitoring, etc. Our current intentions are to evaluate the following water quality standards activities over the next few years:

- Adopt revisions to the State's antidegradation statute and submit an implementation plan;
- Review of the Las Vegas Wash, Las Vegas Bay, Lake Mead, and the Colorado River ;
- Adopt the new 4-part criterion for selenium, statewide, recalculated for “sturgeon-free” waters;
- Evaluate if it is appropriate to adopt new EPA recommended criteria for ammonia (assess presence and distribution of unionid mussels and gill-breathing snails, the most sensitive species);
- Evaluate new criterion for cadmium and how or when to adopt into state water quality standards;
- Adopt the new EPA criterion Carbaryl.

The NDEP-BWQP website provides public workshop meeting notes and comments submitted during the past and present Triennial Reviews, along with BWQP's responses to the comments. Recordings of the workshops are available on request.

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