



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS  
Proposed Regulation R155-17  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
January 11, 2018**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) is proposing to adopt regulations (R155-17) amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Specifically, sections of NAC 445.286-296, and NAC 445.867.

The proposed regulatory revisions (R155-17) are making changes to the wastewater treatment operator certification program. These changes will delineate ascending educational steps for the certifications levels (Grade I thru Grade IV) and will specify a continuing educational standard on renewal of bi-annual certifications. Additionally, the proposed regulatory changes will include an ethics section similar to NDEP’s Safe Drinking Water Program. In order to cover the certification program costs, the draft regulations also includes fee increases. Finally, a provision for restricted certification will be developed similar to the OIT programs in the Safe Drinking Water Program.

Proposed revisions include: (1) in addition to a high school diploma or GED, requiring wastewater specific education of 60 hours for Grade I, 120 hours for Grade II, 120 hours plus two post-secondary courses for Grade III, and 120 hours plus four post-secondary courses for Grade IV. (2) for certification renewals, a Grade I will need 5 contact hours, a Grade II, 10 contact hours, a Grade III, 15 contact hours, and a Grade IV, 20 contact hours. (3) The fees for initial application for certification will be raised to \$140, for biannual renewal the fee will be raised to \$ 110, and for reciprocity, the fee will be raised to \$150.

Also, the Division is modifying NAC 445A.867 (6) in the underground injection control program (UIC) to require all wells within an area of review for a UIC permit have proper corrective actions completed, not just injection wells.

Workshops to discuss R155-17 and receive comments will be held at the following locations at the date and time indicated. A workshop agenda is attached.

<p>Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Grant Sawyer Bldg., RM 1100 555 E. Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89122</p>	<p>Monday February 5, 2018 9:00 AM– 11:00 AM Bryan Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Tahoe Room 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701</p>	<p>Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM 1751 College Ave. City Council Chambers Elko, Nevada</p>
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Materials may be obtained at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts>, at workshops, or by contacting BWPC at (775) 687-9315. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to Katrina Pascual ([kpascual@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:kpascual@ndep.nv.gov)), Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 401, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. **Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm, February 9, 2018.**

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meetings should notify BWPC no later than 5 days prior to the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the following locations: NDEP office in Carson City, State Library and Archives in Carson City, Elko County Library in Elko, and websites of NDEP, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Department of Administration, and State Environmental Commission.

**AGENDA**  
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The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) at the public workshops on these proposed regulatory changes. The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory meeting scheduled for February 21, 2018. 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 and discussion of proposed regulation R155-17: BWPC will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. R155-17 proposes to make changes to the requirements for wastewater treatment certification, include a fee increase to cover the costs for operating the program, and one clean-up change on the UIC regulations for permit review.
- 4) Question and answer period for R155-17
- 5) Public comment for R155-17
- 6) Adjournment