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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.066

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT LCB File No. R005-25

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 555.

a. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The proposed amendment is intended to assist the department in modernizing the reporting of wood-destroying pest inspection forms. Physical wood-destroying pest inspection report forms are currently provided by the NDA to industry free of charge pursuant to current regulations. The NDA anticipates that providing a digital platform to industry to complete and submit wood-destroying pest inspection reports will benefit the industry as well as the department. Current regulation requires the use of digital signatures for electronically submitted reports; updating the type of signature required will enable the department to utilize existing technologies and department resources to modernize the process.

b. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of the public response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject of NAC 555 as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice.

These documents were also posted and made available at the following locations:

- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S. 21st St., Sparks, NV 89431
- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2300 E. Saint Louis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 4780 E. Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801
- Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov
- Nevada Public Notice website at <https://notice.nv.gov/>
- Nevada Legislature Administrative Regulation Notices at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

A workshop was held on September 3, 2025. The hearing was held on October 17, 2025, and the minutes of that meeting, attached hereto, contain a summary of the discussion held regarding the proposed amendments.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the proposed regulation may be

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obtained from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Attn: Dyan Reece, 405 S. 21st St., Sparks, NV 89431, (775) 353-3670, or d.reece@agri.nv.gov.

c. The number of persons who:

1. Attended each hearing;
2 attendees
2. Testified at each hearing; and
0 attendees testified.
3. Submitted to the agency written statements.
0 written statements were submitted

d. For each person identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (c), the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:

1. Name;
2. Telephone number;
3. Business address; 2450 S. Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703
4. Business telephone number;
5. Electronic mail address; and
6. Name of entity or organization represented.

e. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The NDA launched a digital survey to assess the impact of the proposed regulation changes to NAC 555 on July 8, 2025, and closed it on July 23, 2025. The survey was posted to NDA's website and social media accounts and was distributed to an e-mail list comprised of 8,671 contacts including pest control businesses, pesticide dealerships and registrants within the State of Nevada. 4,190 opened the email (52.2%); 906 clicks on the links in the email: 430 on R005-25I changes, 160 on the R005-25I survey; 59 email contacts responded to the survey. Social media outreach resulted in 1422 impressions, 15 engagements, and 6 clicks on to the linked survey. The survey was posted to NDA's website and social media accounts. Interested parties may also obtain a copy of the summary by contacting the Division of Plant Health and Compliance at (775) 353-3670 or d.reece@agri.nv.gov.

Summary of Survey Responses:

- If enacted would the proposed changes to NAC 555 impact your ability to do business?
 - Yes: 2 respondents (9%)
 - No: 17 respondents (74%)
 - Unknown: 4 respondents (17%)
- How would changes to NAC 555 impact your ability to do business?
 - 3 respondents: "NA"
 - 10 respondents stated it would not cause an impact
 - "Would have no impact to Veterinary Medical Services"
 - "It would make things more simple as long as we can use multiple forms of electronic signatures. Depending on the improved method, it could add cost to the procedure."
 - "We sold the last steer two years ago."

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- “Very little, part of my business is inspections, but I’ve done only several in the past year.”
 - “It would improve it”
 - “I feel it would benefit my business.”
 - “This bill would make it easier to continue servicing our customers when we lose an employee which in turn, would benefit us financially”
 - “I am not involved in this industry.”
 - “It would allow us to hire more techs”
 - “This would remove the gray area on if we can have customers and/or technicians sign electronically for pest reports.”
- Please estimate the total annual impact that proposed changes to NAC 555 will have on your business?
 - \$0: 20 respondents (87%)
 - \$100-\$1,000: 2 respondents (9%)
 - \$1,001-\$10,000: 1 respondent (4%)
- What level of negative impact will the proposed changes to NAC 555 have on your business?
 - No impact: 19 (83%)
 - Insignificant impact: 2 (9%)
 - Minor impact: 1 (4%)
 - Severe impact: 1 (4%)
- Would you need to make operational changes to your business because of the financial impact of proposed change to NAC 555?
 - 6 respondents stated “no” or “none”
 - “Don’t know”
 - “NA”
 - “As long as the approved methods are common used systems, it should be a minimal investment”
 - “Yes. We would Hire more technicians and test them in the field.”
- “How could these section(s) be adjusted to mitigate their level of negative financial impact?”
 - “No Impact”
 - “NA”
 - “No opinion”
 - “Not specify what type of electronic signature so we can use whatever app we would like.”
- Please feel free to provide any feedback your would like us to consider in relation to the proposed changes to NAC 555?
 - “Would be great to make the entire process digital, including the forms from NDA”
 - “We are in favor of this change”

Comments were solicited from the public during both the workshop and hearing.

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f. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

Comments received in response to the small business impact survey and workshop were predominantly positive. The Department engaged with participants who provided comment at the workshop to address specific concerns. These participants indicated support after further discussion.

g. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include:

- **Adverse economic effect on regulated businesses**
No adverse economic impacts to regulated businesses are anticipated due to this proposed amendment
- **Beneficial economic effect on regulated businesses**
The NDA estimates that the proposed regulation will have no economic effect on small businesses
- **Immediate economic effect on regulated business**
The NDA estimates that the proposed regulation will have no immediate economic effect on small businesses.
- **Long-term economic effect on regulated business**
The NDA estimates that the proposed regulation will have no long term economic effect on regulated business
- **Adverse economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not estimate any adverse economic impact to the public as an effect of the proposed amendments
- **Beneficial economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not estimate any beneficial economic effect on the public as an effect of the proposed amendments
- **Immediate economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not estimate any immediate economic effect on the public as an effect of the proposed amendments
- **Long-term economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not estimate any long term effect on the public as an effect of the proposed amendments

h. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The proposed amendment pertains to internal department processes, and does not necessitate enforcement on regulated businesses

i. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulations do not duplicate federal, state or local standards, that regulate the same activity.

j. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

JOE LOMBARDO
Governor

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The proposed regulations are not more stringent than federal standards that regulate the same activity.

- k. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

Not applicable.

NAC 555 Minutes of October 17, 2025 Hearing
Division of Plant Health and Compliance



MEETING MINUTES

**Of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter of the
Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)**

LCB File No. R127-23 and R005-25

Notice Of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Nevada Department of Agriculture
and Hearing Agenda

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) held a hearing on October 17th, 2025, beginning
at 9:30 am at the following location(s):

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Video conference to:

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Phone and/or video conference via:

Join the meeting now for all interested parties
Meeting Number: 249 331 744 887 6
Access code: S9va9vA2

To join by telephone, call the phone-in number and enter the Phone Conference ID when
prompted.

Phone Number: 1-775-321-6111

Persons in attendance:

- Doug Farris, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture
- Meghan Brown, Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Raymond P. Saliga, Deputy Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Vanze Lum Environmental Scientist IV
- Dyan R. Reece, Administrative Assistant III
- Warren Hardy, Nevada Pest Management Association
- Lee Lawrence, ZeeBest Pest Control Sparks
- Jeff Burns, Nevada Pest Management Association

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga, noted that the hearing was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, the Las Vegas and Elko offices. As well as virtually via Teams. The hearing had been properly noticed and was recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020)

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga stated that this public hearing was being held for the adoption of regulations to amend Chapter 555 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). These regulations have been assigned File Number R127-23 by the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Ray Saliga reviewed the rulemaking process and steps taken prior to the hearing, and reviewed teleconferencing features of Microsoft teams for online and phone-in attendees.

II. Public Comment (1st period)

Deputy Administrator, Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment for the record.

No Comments from any source

III. Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Regulations

Ray Saliga summarized the proposed regulation, and intent to address comments received at the workshop, by clarifying how businesses can meet the training requirements included in the proposed regulation after reviewing section 5.

Ray Saliga asked if there are any questions regarding the proposed regulation.

Warren Hardy, Nevada Pest Management Association asked if we will review the availability of training materials and requirements for meeting these requirements.

Ray Saliga responded that the NDA will provide training videos, EPA brochure, and documentation forms on it's website and by request.

Warren Hardy wanted assurance that the requirements and materials would be clearly documented on the NDA's website

Ray Saliga thanked the public and industry representatives for their participation in this process on behalf of the Department and stated that the NDA will adopt this proposed regulation, LCB File No. R127-23, noting that the regulation will be submitted to the Legislative Commission for review and approval.

IV. Public Comment (2nd period)

Deputy Administrator, Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment for the record

Warren Hardy, Nevada Pest Management Association, stated his appreciation on behalf of industry to the Department for being responsive through the rulemaking process.

V. Adjourn

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga thanked the workshop/hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 9:45 am.

Persons in attendance:

- Doug Farris, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture
- Meghan Brown, Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Raymond P. Saliga, Deputy Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Vanze Lum Environmental Scientist IV
- Dyan R. Reece, Administrative Assistant III
- Lee Lawrence, ZeeBest Pest Control
- Tracy L. Shane (online)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:46am by Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga, who noted that the hearing was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, the Las Vegas and Elko offices. As well as virtually via Teams. The hearing had been properly noticed and was recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020)

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The Department is proposing additions to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 555. These regulation changes are necessary to implement regulations required by SB 159 of the 82nd Legislative Session.

II. Public Comment (1st period):

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment for the record.

No Comments from Any Source

III. Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Regulations

Ray Saliga outlined the proposed changes and provided background, stating that the proposed regulation is intended to assist the department in modernizing the reporting of wood-destroying pest inspection forms. Current regulation requires the use of digital signatures for electronically submitted reports; updating the type of signature required will enable the department to utilize existing technologies and department resources to modernize the process.

Ray Saliga asked if there are any questions regarding the proposed regulation. There were no questions.

Ray Saliga thanked the public and industry representatives for their participation in this process on behalf of the Department and stated that the NDA will adopt this proposed regulation, LCB File No. R005-25, noting that the regulation will be submitted to the Legislative Commission for review and approval.

IV. Public Comment (2nd period):

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment for the record.

Tracy Shane, University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Extension, indicated interested in a cooperation between UNR and NDA to develop a list of UNR courses which are approved as meeting education and experience requirements to obtain a primary principal license.

Lee Lawrence, Zeebest Pest Control and Inspection Services, noted agreement with the comment from Ms. Shane.

V. Adjourn

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga thanked the workshop/hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 9:57 am.