PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBTANCES WORKING GROUP

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 459.686

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Agendas and Meetings – https://ndep.nv.gov/water/pfas-in-nevada/pfas-action-plan

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

The Division of Environmental Protection is directed to establish a working group to study issues relating to environmental contamination resulting from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in this State, which must be composed of representatives of interested state and local public agencies, labor organizations, community organizations, and trade associations. The members of the working group serve without compensation.

According to NDEP, the working group consists of representatives from:

- Academia (UNR, UNLV, DRI);
- Aviation (Clark County Dept. of Aviation, Reno Tahoe Airport Authority);
- Certified Environmental Managers;
- Certified Drinking Water/Wastewater Operators (from 9 of 17 counties);
- County Government (CCWRD, CCRFCD, SNHD, WCHD, WRWC);
- Contractors (Broadbent, GHD, Resource Concepts, Inc.);
- Environmental Groups (Sierra Club, Nevada Conservation League);
- Federal Agencies (DoD, USGS);
- Labor Organizations (Nevada Mining Assoc., PFFN);
- Laboratory Community (Eurofins, DRI);
- Municipal Government (SNWA, TMWA);
- Nevada Air National Guard;
- State Agencies (NDEP, NDOT, NDOA, DCNR, DHHS); and
- Trade Groups (Air & Waste Mgmt., American Chem Council, Nv Water Env. Assoc., NvRWA, Western States Petroleum Assoc.).

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WORKING GROUP

The working group shall:



- (a) Evaluate the potential for environmental contamination in this State resulting from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances;
- (b) Determine the location of potentially significant discharges or releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in this State;
- (c) Determine the potential sources of exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for residents of this State;
- (d) Compile information relating to existing federal, state and local actions to monitor, contain and clean up environmental contamination resulting from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; and
- (e) Develop recommendations for state and local action to monitor, contain and clean up environmental contamination resulting from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

BACKGROUND

LEGISLATION

Assembly Bill 97 (2021) created the PFAS Working Group.

REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

No reports to the Legislature are required pursuant to NRS 459.686. However, per statute, the Working Group did develop recommendations for state and local action to monitor, contain, and clean up environmental contamination resulting from PFAS. The Working Group's final work product can be accessed here: Final PFAS Action Plan.

REVIEWED BY THE SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The PFAS Working Group has not previously been reviewed by the Sunset Subcommittee.

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