

Permanent Regulation - Informational Statement

A Permanent Regulation Related to Air Quality

Legislative Review of Adopted Permanent Regulations as Required
by Administrative Procedures Act, NRS 233B.066

State Environmental Commission (SEC) Permanent No: R144-17

Permanent Regulation R144-17:

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445B.210 establishes the authority of the State Environmental Commission (SEC) to adopt regulations to prevent, abate and control air pollution. NRS 445B.300 establishes specific authority of the SEC regarding operating permit requirements for sources of air contaminants.

SPECIFIC CHANGES:

The NDEP amended NAC 445B.221, *Adoption by reference and applicability of certain provisions of federal law and regulations*, to adopt applicable federal rules promulgated since the State regulation was last updated as of October 2016. This is a routine activity. The update includes rulemakings under 40 CFR Part 51, “Requirements for preparation, adoption, and submittal of implementation plans,” Part 52, “Prevention of significant deterioration of air quality” (PSD), Part 60, “Standards of performance for new stationary sources” (NSPS), Part 61, “National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants” (NESHAP), and Part 63, “National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for source categories” (NESHAP).

1. Need for Regulation:

The NDEP is delegated the implementation of certain federal NSPS and NESHAP rules that apply in Nevada. The amendments update the State’s “adoption by reference” regulation, so that Nevada can request delegation for the implementation of new and revised NSPS and NESHAP promulgated since the last update. This allows the regulated industry to continue to work with the State rather than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, this amendment updates the Agency’s adoption of federal PSD rules, as well as revisions to requirements for the preparation, adoption and submittal of implementation plans.

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

On December 6, 2017 NDEP conducted a public workshop on regulation R144-17. The workshop was held in Carson City and video-conferenced in Las Vegas. The meeting location in Carson City was at the Bryan Building located at 901 S. Stewart Street (Great Basin Conference Room) and video-conferenced to the NDEP office, located at 2030 East Flamingo Road, Suite 230.

Six (6) members of the public attended the workshop.

Questions from the public presented at the workshop were addressed by NDEP staff; summary minutes of the workshop are posted on the SEC website at: http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0218.htm.

Following the workshop, the SEC held a formal regulatory hearing on February 21, 2018 at the Legislative Building, Room 2134, located at 401 South Carson Street and video-conferenced in Las Vegas at the Grant Sawyer Building, Room 4406, located at 555 East Washington Ave. A public notice for the regulatory meeting was posted at the meeting location, at the State Library in Carson City, at NDEP in Las Vegas, at the Division of Minerals in Carson City, at the Department of Agriculture, on the LCB website, on the Division of Administration website and on the SEC website.

Copies of the agenda, the public notice, and the proposed permanent regulation R144-17 were also made available at all public libraries throughout the state as well as to individuals on the SEC mailing list and the Bureau of Air Quality Planning electronic mailing list.

The public notice for the proposed regulation was published in the Las Vegas Review Journal and Reno Gazette Journal newspapers once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the SEC regulatory meeting. Other information about this regulation was made available on the SEC website at: http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0218.htm.

3. The number of persons who attended the SEC Regulatory Hearing:

- (a) Attended February 21, 2018 hearing: 8 (approximately)
- (b) Testified on this Petition at the hearing: 0
- (c) Submitted to the agency written comments: 0

4. 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.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses through e-mail, a public workshop and at the February 21, 2018 SEC hearing as noted in number 2 above.

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

The regulation was adopted without change because the public and the SEC were satisfied with the amendments.

6. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public.

Regulated Business/Industry. The federal rules adopted by reference in NAC 445B.221 are federal requirements that the regulated business/industry must comply with regardless of whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or the NDEP implements them. Industry prefers that NDEP implement the federal rules; the NDEP has an active working relationship with industry and will implement the federal regulations in as effective and efficient manner as possible.

Public. The regulation will have no economic impact on the public, at large. It will have a positive economic benefit for those owners of the vehicles subject to the amendment.

7. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

Enforcing Agency. The regulation will have no economic impact on NDEP.

8. 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 amendments adopt federal regulations from 40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 60, 61 and 63 in order to allow the NDEP to implement them in Nevada.

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

The regulation is no more stringent than what is established by federal law.

10. 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.

The regulation does not address new fees.