

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY  
NRS 233B.0608**

**LCB File No. R049-16**

**1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public. No comments were received from small businesses.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshops and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by U.S. mail to persons who were known to have an interest in the practice of environmental health as well as any person who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists, [www.nvsrehs.org](http://www.nvsrehs.org), mailed to all county libraries in Nevada and posted at the following locations:

Board of Registered Environmental Health, 6160 Mae Anne Ave., Suite 3, Reno, Nevada 89523  
Office of the Attorney General, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
Office of the Attorney General, 5420 Kietzke Lane, Ste 202, Reno, Nevada 89511  
Grant Sawyer State Office Building,  
555 E. Washington Avenue #3900, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
Nevada Division of Public & Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Ste 101, Carson City, Nevada 89706  
727 Fairview Drive, Suite D, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
Southern Nevada Health District  
330 S. Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107  
3650 South Pointe Cir., Bldg C Ste 113, Laughlin, Nevada 89029  
Washoe County Health Division, 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada 89501  
Bureau of Health Protection Services, 475 W. Haskell St., Ste 54, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

A Workshop was held to solicit comments on the proposed regulations on June 27, 2016. There were seven (7) individuals representing small business or the public in attendance at the workshop, one written comment was received. Thereafter, on or about December 5, 2016, a Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations was issued.

A Public Hearing was held on March 13, 2017; there was one individual representing interested parties present; no oral comments were heard, no written comments were received.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists, 6160 Mae Anne Ave., Suite 3, Reno, Nevada 89523, 775-746-9423, or email to [board@nvrehs.org](mailto:board@nvrehs.org).

**2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted, including the methods used to determine the impacts of the proposed regulation on small business.**

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes.

In making this determination, the Board considered whether or not the environmental health practitioners regulated by the Board will have their practice impacted. On the whole, the environmental health practices will not be impacted to any degree that a small business will be affected.

**3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:**

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- (b) Both direct and indirect effects.**

The Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists has determined that the adopted regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects

There will be no adverse economic effect of these adopted regulations on small businesses. The Board regulates individuals in the practice of environmental health. The adopted regulations will benefit small business and the environmental health practitioners by providing clarifications to the regulations.

- (b) Both Direct and indirect effects.

Direct effect will be to improve and clarify existing law and regulatory requirements. Small business may experience the indirect effect of having more knowledgeable practitioners.

**4. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.**

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the content and nature of the regulation changes. No other methods were utilized.

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

There are no additional costs involved in the enforcement of these adopted regulations.

**6. If the proposed 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 include new or increases in existing fees. The proposed regulation does establish in regulation the fees and amounts authorized by NRS 625.130 for the application, registration, renewal of registrations and the amount charged for reexamination of an applicant. All fees will be utilized to support the Board functions to register and regulate the profession of Environmental Health Specialists. The annual revenue from all fees is estimated at \$32,000.00.

**7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.**

The Board of Environmental Health Specialists is not aware of any similar federal, state or local standards regulating the practice of environmental health. These adopted regulations do not duplicate nor are they more stringent than federal, state or local standards.

**8. The reasons for the conclusion of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.**

The Board of Environmental Health Specialists regulates the practice of environmental health and registers qualified individuals as environmental health specialists and environmental health specialist trainees.

The adopted regulations do not impact small businesses. The regulations provide clarity and specifically address the procedures for application for and renewal of a certificate of registration, establishes certain fees, interprets the term "basic science courses", defines the term "environmental health sciences, revises requirements for continuing education, requires notification of a name change, and requires certain communications and documents to be addressed to the Board.

**I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge or belief a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that this statement was properly prepared and the information contained herein is accurate.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheila Linton", is written over a horizontal line.

Executive Director