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**Petition R131-12 - Statewide Fecal Coliform:** This regulation removes the fecal coliform bacteria numeric criteria protecting contact recreation as the primary beneficial use for most designated waters in Nevada, and replaces with fecal coliform numeric criteria to protect the primary beneficial uses of irrigation, livestock and wildlife where appropriate.

Of note, the water quality standard regulations contain five different types of fecal coliform numeric criteria to protect the primary beneficial use of contact recreation. These are not only confusing, but are also inappropriate. In 2008, the State Environmental Commission and Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations adopted standards for Escherichia coli bacteria to protect contact recreation for all designated waters. E. coli is a better indicator of threats to public health and is more protective of contact recreation than fecal coliform. Fecal coliform standards are no longer needed to protect contact recreation.

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