



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Public Workshops to Solicit Comments on Proposed New Mercury Permitting Program and Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.001-.3497 AIR CONTROLS: AIR POLLUTION

The following workshops have been scheduled to solicit comments from persons interested in the regulatory amendments (petitions) described below:

ELKO	CARSON CITY
<p>Tuesday, December 13, 2005 GTA 130 Great Basin College 1500 College Parkway Elko, Nevada 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Thursday, December 15, 2005 Room 2144 Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon</p>

Petition 2006-08. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to adopt into State regulation federal *New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)*, and *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs)* that have been promulgated by the U.S. EPA since July 1, 2004. The NDEP is delegated the implementation of the federal NSPS and NESHAPs programs relevant in Nevada, however, it is necessary to keep the State's "adoption by reference" regulation (NAC 445B.221) up to date so that EPA can continue to delegate the implementation of new rules to the State.

Petition 2006-07. Between 2002 and 2005 the Nevada Voluntary Mercury Reduction Program, a joint effort of the NDEP, the U.S. EPA and four Nevada mining companies, achieved significant and rapid mercury emission reductions from thermal processes used in metal mining. Subsequent to this voluntary program, the NDEP has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to expand the coverage of the program to all metal mining operations in Nevada.

Therefore, the NDEP is proposing regulations to require mercury air emission controls at precious metal mining facilities through a new mercury permitting program, as an adjunct to the current operating permit to construct program. The new program will apply to precious metals mining facilities that process mercury-containing ore and use thermal treatment processes that have the potential for liberating mercury into the atmosphere.

The regulations provide for determination of program applicability; the subsequent emissions control selection; installation, operation and maintenance, testing and sampling, and monitoring of those controls; and record keeping.

A copy of materials relating to the proposed regulations may be obtained at the workshops or on the State Environmental Commission website at: www.sec.nv.gov (available by December 2). Materials are also available from Adele Malone at NDEP, 901 S. Carson Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9356; or e-mail to amalone@ndep.nv.gov. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Adele Malone no later than 3 working days before the workshop.

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