

Water Words Dictionary—Appendix E–4

STATE OF NEVADA

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NDEP)

NDEP ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is one of a number of divisions and agencies within the State of Nevada's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

NDEP OFFICES and BUREAUS:

[1] ***Office of Administrator***

The NDEP Administrator is responsible to the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for providing the overall supervision and direction to protect and enhance the environment of the State of Nevada consistent with the public health and enjoyment, the propagation and protection of terrestrial and aquatic life, the operation of existing industries, the pursuit of agriculture, and economic development of the state. The Office of Administrator is supported by two Deputy Administrators one of which supervises the Office of Air, Mining, and Water, and the other supervises the Office of Waste Management, Federal Facilities, and Corrective Actions. The State Environmental Commission also functions out of the Office of the Administrator along with legal services, administrative functions, and fiscal and personnel management.

[2] ***Office of Air, Mining, and Water***

The Office of Air, Mining, and Water consists of a Deputy Administrator and the Bureaus of Air Quality, Water Pollution Control, Mining Regulation and Reclamation, and Water Quality Planning. The following is a brief description of the functions of these bureaus.

- ***Bureau of Air Quality***—major functions include the maintenance of the ambient sampling network to determine the state's air quality, identification of controllable air pollution sources, issuance of permits to regulate air pollution sources, and assurance of statewide compliance with established air quality regulations and standards.
- ***Bureau of Water Pollution Control***—major functions include issuance of wastewater discharge permits, underground injection control permits, stormwater permits and enforcement of the conditions of these permits, administration of the State Revolving Loan Fund and Construction Grants Programs, review of the design of wastewater treatment works, review of subdivision maps, and providing technical assistance to municipalities.
- ***Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation***—major functions include the protection of the ground water resources of Nevada from impacts by mining and to insure proper reclamation of disturbed lands through permits issued for the design, operation, construction, closure and reclamation of facilities, inspection of facilities for compliance with permit conditions, and pursuing enforcement actions for noncompliance.
- ***Bureau of Water Quality Planning***—major functions are to plan, direct and coordinate establishment of water quality standards, monitor attainment of those standards for all surface waters in the state, review proposed federal permits or licenses which may affect water quality, direct water quality planning studies review and approve areawide water quality plans which are developed by designated agencies, manage contracts for nonpoint source implementation projects, direct the laboratory certification program, and develop and implement a comprehensive state ground water protection program.

[3] ***Office of Waste Management, Federal Facilities, and Corrective Actions***

The Office of Waste Management, Federal Facilities, and Corrective Actions consists of a Deputy Administrator and the Bureaus of Waste Management, Federal Facilities, and Corrective Actions. The following is a brief description of the functions of these bureaus.

- ***Bureau of Waste Management***—primary functions of the Hazardous Waste Program include

the regulation of hazardous wastes of generators, transporters, and treatment, storage and disposal facilities and to issue required permits. The Solid Waste Branch oversees the disposal of solid waste through a regulatory program for the design and operation of solid waste landfills and it also administers the state's Asbestos Control Program. The bureau's Recycling Program provides public information regarding recycling issues, oversees grants to non-profit groups for recycling education and is involved in the development of markets for recyclable materials.

- ***Bureau of Federal Facilities***—provides state oversight and performs the responsibilities of appropriate NDEP programs such as hazardous and solid waste regulations, underground storage tank and underground injection control at federal Department of Defense and Department of Energy facilities.
- ***Bureau of Corrective Actions***—through the Consultant Certification Program, certifies individuals in the disciplines of environmental management, hazardous waste management, underground storage tank testing, and underground storage tank handling. The Underground Storage Tanks Program regulates underground storage tanks in terms of both preventative actions and corrective actions. The Bureau also operates the State Petroleum Fund which is used to reimburse owners and operators for the high costs of environmental corrective actions and helps owners and operators meet the federal financial responsibility requirements. The Remedial Action Program oversees clean up activities at sites where environmental contamination has been identified and which are not related to the preventative actions program. The Bureau also acts as contractor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, or "Superfund") program in Nevada.