

Permanent Regulation - Informational Statement

A Permanent Regulation Related to Environmental Programs

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

State Environmental Commission Permanent No: R120-24P

The Nevada State Environmental Commission (SEC) offers the following informational statement in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.066.

1. Need for Regulation

On June 4, 2021, Assembly Bill 349 revised NRS 4458.825 to extend the period of time new vehicles are exempt from requirements specified in NRS 4458.798 and NRS 4458.770 to 4458.815, inclusive. The proposed amendment would make NAC 4458.592(3) consistent with the revised language of NRS 4458.825. Specifically, this regulation will reduce the need to inspect new motor vehicles until the fourth registration of the vehicle, instead of the third registration.

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.

The Division held a preliminary public workshop on March 30, 2023, to solicit comments on this proposed regulatory amendment. The Division also held one hybrid (in-person and virtual) public workshop for R120-24P on July 31, 2024. The public was invited to participate in person in the Bryan Building at 901 South Stewart Street in Carson City, Nevada. The workshops were held to present the substance of, and receive public comment on, the proposed regulation. Seven members of the public and regulated industry attended the workshop virtually. The proposed regulations were also distributed to the Bureau of Air Quality Planning's email distribution list.

The Legislative Counsel Bureau published its draft, R120-24P, in the Nevada Register on July 1, 2024. The Division accepted written comments on R120-24I and R120-24P for 30 days beginning on July 15, 2024. The Division did not receive any verbal questions concerning R120-24I and/or R120-24P during the public workshop. A summary of the workshop, including any public comment and bureau response, is included on the NDEP website as well as the SEC website.

The SEC held a hybrid regulatory hearing on September 5, 2024, to consider possible action on R120-24P. The SEC posted its public notice, which included a link¹ and instructions to access R120-24P and pertinent documents and information supporting the regulation, for the regulatory meeting at the State Library in Carson City, at Division offices located in both Carson City and Las Vegas, at all county libraries throughout the state, and to the SEC email distribution list. The SEC also posted the public notice 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.

The SEC also published the public notice in the Las Vegas Review Journal and Reno Gazette Journal newspapers once per week for three consecutive weeks prior to the SEC regulatory meeting.

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

- (a) Attended September 5, 2024, hearing: 35 (approximately)
- (b) Testified on this Petition at the hearing: 1

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- (c) Submitted to the agency written comments: none

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 one public workshop and at the September 5, 2024, 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 Commissioners unanimously adopted R120-24P without change because the public and the SEC were satisfied with the proposed regulation.

¹ <https://sec.nv.gov/meetings/sec-regulatory-meeting-sept-5-2024>

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

Regulated Business/Industry: There are no economic impacts to businesses associated with this action in the short- or long-term. This regulation will reduce the need to inspect new motor vehicles until the fourth registration of the vehicle instead of the third registration.

Public: There are no adverse or economic impacts on the public associated with this action in the short- or long-term.

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

Enforcing Agency. The proposed regulations do not impose additional functions or costs on the agency.

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 in R120-24P do not overlap or duplicate other state or government agencies.

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 regulatory amendments in R120-24P are 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.

R120-24P does not address fees.