



**Control of Emissions from Motor Vehicles**

Held on January 14, 2025, at 2:00 pm

**by** Teleconference **from the** Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

3rd Floor Humboldt Conference Room

901 South Stewart Street

Carson City, NV 89701

**to the** Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Red Rock Room

375 East Warm Springs Road, Suite 200

Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Las Vegas, NV 89106

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2621 East Sahara Ave  
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## 1. Call to Order by Chairman

Committee Chair Andrew Tucker was not in attendance, so Vice Chair Francisco Vega called the meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Control of Emissions from Motor Vehicles to order at 2:02 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

MEMBERS:	Representing	Present	Primary	Alternate	Voting
Araceli Pruett	CC/DES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shiang Yuh-Wu	CC/DES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ted Lendis	CC/DES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dawn Leaper	CC/DES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vernon Miller	NDOA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christy Lew	NDOA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Tucker	NDEP – <i>Chair</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steven McNeece	NDEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emma Lintz	NDEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Taylor Pavlu	NDEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JD Decker	DMV/CED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Neese	DMV/CED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ivie Hatt	DMV/CED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glenn Smith	DMV/CED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My-Linh Nguyen	NDOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kandee Bahr Worley	NDOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Francisco Vega	NNPH/AQMD – <i>Vice Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brendan Schnieder	NNPH/AQMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig Petersen	NNPH/AQMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ben McMullen	NNPH/AQMD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Buss	U.S. EPA: Region 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ex Officio	

## 3. Public Introductions

INTERESTED PARTIES:	Representing:	
Chris Patterson	DMV/CED	cpatterson@dmv.nv.gov
Mike Morris	DMV/CED	mmorris1@dmv.nv.gov
Scott Kuykendall	NDEP	skuykendall@ndep.nv.gov
Danilo Dragoni	NDEP	ddragoni@ndep.nv.gov
Jessica Weiss	Smog Hut North	jessi.weiss@outlook.com
Andrew MacKay	NFADA	amackay@nfada.net

## 4. Public Comments

A. No Public Comments.

## 5. Approval of Agenda Order

A. The agenda was approved by the committee in the order it was prepared.

## 6. Approval of October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- A. October meeting minutes were approved by the committee as prepared.

## **7. NDEP Clean Trucks & Buses Incentive Program**

- A. **Steve McNeece (NDEP)** – This program was established during the 2023 Legislative Session. It's an incentive program that helps private and public entities acquire zero emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles. We have spent the better part of last year developing regulations required by the Assembly Bill that established the program. Part of those regulations helped us fill any gaps that there were – anything related to reporting requirements, eligibility requirements for participants, and also application processes. These regulations were presented to/approved by our State Environmental Commission in November and our Legislative Commission in December. December. We're excited to hit this milestone, but there is plenty of work to be done. We continue to coordinate with our Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to ensure we are meeting all of the state and federal requirements as we look to launch the program at some point. That's the update and I'm happy to answer any questions that anyone might have.
- B. **Francisco Vega (NNPH/AQMD)** – What are the next steps and maybe what a timeline would be for that?
- C. **Steve McNeece (NDEP)** – The next step is to develop draft forms that we foresee participants using in support of any entities or dealerships that plan to participate in the program, how they are going to apply/register themselves in our system for the program. What those steps will look like and also coming up with any criteria needed to approve applications. We're working with the FHA to make sure we are doing things in a way that meet their standards to include how the funds are handled/processed. There may be requirements to track the funds at some point so we're figuring out the best possible way to do that. Timeline is a harder to answer question, we're hoping to move as quickly as possible but unfortunately, I don't have a specific time that we might be able to launch the program officially. We're hoping to be able to do that the first half of this year if all things go the way we'd like them to. Discussions with our partner agencies will still definitely continue.
- D. **Danilo Dragoni (NDEP)** – I want to add that this is all being done in partnership with NDOT and we are ready glad that our friends at NDOT are helping us implement this program.

## **8. Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability Division of Air Quality Program Updates**

- A. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – Our moderate nonattainment SIP for the 2015 ozone standard has been submitted. It is my understanding that NDEP successfully forwarded that over to the EPA as well as at least one of the bundles of regulations that accompanied that package. We have several more that we need to send up to NDEP and ultimately forward over to the EPA. We expect to be finished with all of our rulemaking, which have already gone through our local BCC approval process with the exception of one, and I imagine all the rules will be sent up to NDEP in the February/March timeframe. Additionally, we got bumped up to serious nonattainment similar to many other agencies and we're in the process of bringing under contract 2 vendors to help us with that effort. One is already on board and helping us with the modeling side of things and we're still trying to get a contractor secured for the SIP writing part. I'm hoping by the end of this

month that contract will be awarded, and we'll be moving forward with our serious nonattainment package.

- B. **Araceli Pruett (CC/DES)** – The enhanced IM program is going to be a requirement for our serious nonattainment plan.
- C. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – Yes, we're still trying to get a sense of where the current program falls as compared to the "enhanced" and I don't know if anyone on this call has a good understanding of where we are with that? So, in other words, does our current IM program meet their criteria for "enhanced"? If not, obviously that's going to trigger a lot of coordination between us and the state to get that in place. But we're still trying to wrap our brains around that. I was waiting for our contractor to come onboard to help us with that distinction. If anyone on the call today is aware of whether it currently meets the criteria for "enhanced" I would be interested in hearing what they would have to say about that. We'll try to get to the bottom of that before much longer and I imagine if there is work to be done in that area, we will be having that conversation in this form as well as others.
- D. **Ivie Hatt (DMV/CED)** – I do not believe we have ever changed the Vegas program out of "enhanced". We still do the RSD testing and all of the enhanced programs for your SIP. NDEP would definitely be, maybe when Andrew is back, he would better be able to answer that question. But I'm pretty certain we still operate under "enhanced" for Clark County.
- E. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – We do? Ok, that's good to hear and some people in the office felt that that was the case, but we weren't certain. That's good news and very helpful that it is as you say.
- F. **Araceli Pruett (CC/DES)** – If there is something that's lacking from our program, we will have 4 years from the date of our reclassification and our reclassification will become official on next Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. So, we'll have some time. Those things take time.
- G. **JD Decker (DMV/CED)** – Hey Ted, can I clarify? As I understand it, the "enhanced" program is an "enhanced monitoring" program. So, it increases the monitoring that we are required to do but it doesn't necessary spell out, I guess requirements, for what we're supposed to do about air quality. Is that your understanding?
- H. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – JD, my understanding of it is pretty minimal. I don't know. When you say monitoring can you give me an example of what that means?
- I. **JD Decker (CDMV/CED)** – I think there are additional EPA monitoring requirements/information that they are going to require us to collect and provide to them. I'm not sure there is necessarily a mitigation plan that's included with that that impacts let's say drivers on the road or motor vehicles. I thought maybe you knew. I just wanted to throw that out there. I'm not sure either. I just wanted to see if you knew more about it than I did.
- J. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – No I do not. I don't know if Ivie has anything to add to that now.
- K. **Ivie Hatt (DMV/CED)** – No, that is why I was saying, I think if we're talking about the State Implementation Plans and if we're still running them under an "enhanced" program. That's what I thought you were asking, correct?

- L. **Ted Lendis (CC/DES)** – Yes, correct. But is that to say that what JD is referring to would fall under the same criteria, so in other words we’re meeting it by now? That’s the big question and we’re going to have to figure that one out. As I said earlier, I’m hopeful that the contractor that we bring on board will have a little more insight on that. If not, we’ll do the digging and the researching to figure it out. We’ve got a kick-off meeting scheduled with EPA in February, and we’ve already got a list of question for them. If this isn’t resolved by then we’ll certainly start adding that to our discussions. Any other questions? Ok, that’s all I’ve got.
- M. **Francisco Vega (NNPH/AQMD)** – Thank you so much Ted for the update. We’ll look for additional clarification on what that might look like.

## 9. Informational Item(s)

- A. **Chris Patterson (DMV/CED)** – All IM Committee membership appointments that expired in October of last year have been updated/completed. The next group of appointments expiring will be in the October 2025 timeframe save any changes that occur due to any out of cycle committee membership turnover. Thank you to all who assisted in getting the responses necessary from the organizations to complete this critical task.
- B. **JD Decker (DMV/CED)** – CED has one bill this session, SB80, it includes a number of things that help our criminal investigations, but it has one item that overlaps with this body. It started out as a way for us to address engine swaps and the potential for a stolen engine to be put into a non-stolen vehicle. With an overlap on the emission side of it, it now includes an emission piece which prevents a person from bypassing emissions requirements by swapping an engine out. If there is any interest from NDEP or the board, they can monitor SB80 as that will be the bill that includes that language.
- C. **Francisco Vega (NNPH/AQMD)** – The Washoe County Air Management Division was recently awarded \$30,000.00 as part of the EPA IRA Sensor’s Grant. We’re going to be utilizing that grant to conduct a research monitoring project around our “spaghetti bowl” here in Washoe County where I-80 and I-580 intersect. We’re going to be putting approximately 4 air quality sensors in that area to really assess the air in that area. It will probably be a 2-year data collection project. Then, we’re hopefully going to be partnering with the UNR School of Public Health to conduct data analysis in support of “connecting the dots” between air quality data and public health. We’re really excited about that. We were just recently notified of the award. We hope to get some of the equipment ordered later part of this year with data collection starting in January of 2026.

## 10. Public Comment(s)

- A. **Jessica Weiss (Smog Hut North)** – I have a question for JD Decker. As far as people changing engines and then not having to do smogs on them. I’m a little bit confused about that. Why would it prevent the vehicle from being smogged?
- B. **JD Decker (DMV/CED)** – So as not to take from your time I will say the language is in SB80 and it relates to our investigations of emissions as well as stolen vehicle parts. And that language can be found on the State’s Legislative Website ([leg.state.nv.us](http://leg.state.nv.us)).

## **11. Next Meeting & Adjournment**

- A. The next IM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Today's meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.