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Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists

REHS Board Update

August 27, 2003

Subject: REHS Board Meeting, June 7, 2003

Fellow Registrants and Environmentalists:

The following is a listing of Board activities at and subsequent to the above meeting held in conjunction with the NEHA Annual Educational Conference at the Reno Hilton:

1. Approved and made the purchase of a second set of study materials for the REHS Exam. This set will be librated at my office, and are available for loan to environmentalists wishing to study for the exam. The checkout protocol is being handled by the Nevada Restaurant Association.
2. Conducted a Regulatory Hearing to approve changes to NAC 625A, the regulation governing REHS Board. Changes have been submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for finalization.
3. Presented REHS Board Career Awards to Mr. Dana Pennington and Mr. Pete Allen.
4. Began the process of revising NRS 625A to provide for mandatory registration of all environmentalists statewide. In conjunction with this process, the Board welcomes all comments and ideas regarding the submission of this legislation prior to the 2005 Nevada Legislative Session. The attached note spells out some of the issues raised regarding the proposed change. The Board will be meeting sometime around the first of the year (to be announced) to construct language for this proposal.

As noted in our last communiqué, the Board has voted to waive the administrative portion of the request for reciprocity. This allows a NEHA-credentialed environmentalist to become Nevada-registered for \$35 (the cost of annual registration only), instead of the normal fee of \$65. This waiver will be extended through January 2004. We look forward to your joining our ranks, and contributing to the professional status of all Nevada environmentalists. We also wish to remind you that you may access information on REHS Board activities on our website at www.NVEHA.com).

Best regards,



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Premises for changes to NRS 625A affecting mandatory registration:

1. No one will work within the State of Nevada as an environmentalist/sanitarian without a valid registration from the Board, except that
2. entry level environmentalists/sanitarions will be provided a time period of up to three (?) years in which to obtain registration
3. A reasonable time period (2 years ?) will be granted for all environmentalists/sanitarions currently-employed in the State (at the date of enactment) to obtain valid registration by the Board.
4. Allowance will be made for current practitioners in the environmentalist/sanitarian field who do not meet the qualifications for Registration to sit for the required exam within the timeframe established in #3.
5. Miscellaneous: residency requirement?; reciprocity (may grant?)

Note: We need to establish a definition for an environmentalist/sanitarian in order to determine our jurisdiction. We may also want to define "entry level".