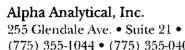
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Statement of Dr. Roger Scholl, Alpha Analytical, Inc.

For the Record in Support of SB 58

Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining

May 26, 2003

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am the Laboratory Director of Alpha Analytical, the largest commercial environmental laboratory in Nevada.

We strongly support SB 58, including the amendments suggested by the Division of Environmental Protection.

There will be no financial impact of this legislation on Nevada's General Fund.

Our current certification program is fee-supported by the 70 laboratories that hold some type of Nevada certification - half of which are out-of-state. The approximately 30 labs that will be affected by SB 58, mostly out-of-state, will easily be able to support the estimated additional expense of \$65,062 in the Executive Agency Fiscal Note.

Alpha Analytical, along with most commercial labs, already holds in other states the certification added by SB 58. We prefer that our fees for this certification go to support Nevada's program. Out-of-state labs already certified in Nevada would pay some additional fees if they desired to be certified for hazardous waste testing.

SB 58 will increase the integrity and legal defensibility of test results that protect public health and the environment.

SB 58 will make Nevada's environmental laboratory certification program consistent with other states and will level the playing field for Nevada and out-of-state commercial labs.

I appreciate your consideration of this important legislation and I am sorry I am unable to attend the hearing today.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement.

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