

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 1, 2015

Agency Submitting: State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		\$5,465,000	\$5,465,000	\$5,465,000
Total	0	\$5,465,000	\$5,465,000	\$5,465,000

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

SB277, Nevada Environmental Policy Act, requires state agencies to prepare environmental reports that analyze the environmental impact of an agency activity. The Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) issues environmental permits and other actions that would fall under the purview of this Act. In addition, the Act requires that an agency with jurisdiction by law or special expertise shall act as a cooperating agency to participate in the scoping process and develop information and prepare an environmental analysis for those portions of the environmental impact statement related to its jurisdiction. As the primary environmental regulatory agency for the state, DEP envisions that its role as a cooperating agency would be significant. The fiscal note is based on personnel costs to staff 5 NEPA teams— 2 for water, 2 for air and 1 for other issues. The fiscal note includes only personnel cost and does not include personnel related cost such as rent, travel and operating.

Name Adele Basham

Title Bureau Chief

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, March 17, 2015

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name James R. Wells, CPA

Title Interm Director

**SB277 Nevada Environmental Policy Act
Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) Fiscal Note**

Section	Agency	Description	FY16	FY17
17	DEP	Each agency review its regs		
18	DEP	File all docs w/CEQ		
20	DEP	Post all docs on website		
		Public comment period for every Environmental Assessment, declaration of mitigated impact, scoping doc, DEIS, controversial declaration of no impact		
		Public hearing for every Environmental Assessment, declaration of mitigated impact, EIS		
21	DEP	Prepare Environmental Assessment on every action		
22	DEP	Prepare Declaration of Impact on every action		
23	DEP	Scoping process on DEP actions		
26	DEP	Cooperating agency related to DEP's jurisdiction and special expertise		
		5 NEPA teams - 2 for water, 2 for air, 1 other	\$5,265,000	\$5,265,000
		2 IT personnel for website and data management (2*100,000)	\$200,000	\$200,000
24	DEP	Prepare EISs when required	\$4,212,000	\$4,212,000
		4 NEPA teams		
27	(DEP)	Charge applicants for EIS prep, reimburse DEP	-\$4,212,000	-\$4,212,000
		DEP total	\$5,465,000	\$5,465,000

1,053,000 NEPA Team cost per year

NEPA Team Detail	Salary
Chief	\$128,000
Administrative Assistant 2	\$50,000
Environmental Scientist 4 (supervisor)	\$100,000
Administrative Assistant 2	\$50,000
Biologist (land)	\$75,000
Geologist (minerals)	\$100,000
Hydrologist (water)	\$75,000
Biologist (flora and fauna)	\$75,000
Staff Engineer 2 (noise)	\$75,000
Historian	\$75,000
Archaeologist	\$100,000
Geographer (population and growth)	\$75,000
Culturalist (community character)	\$75,000
Team total	\$1,053,000