







TO: SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH **DATE:** September 24, 2009

RE: *Approval of Interlocal Contract with Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for Administration of Federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Southern Nevada*

PETITION #30-09

That the Southern Nevada District Board of Health *approve renewal of the attached Interlocal Contract with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection for administration of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Southern Nevada.*

PETITIONERS:

Steve Goode, *Environmental Health Manager* 
Glenn Savage, *Director of Environmental Health* 
Scott Weiss, *Director of Administration* 
Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH, *Chief Health Officer* 

DISCUSSION:

Since 1977, the District has contracted with the State of Nevada to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act in Clark County. Under this contract the District will perform testing and monitoring activities to insure that community well-water systems in Clark County produce water that is safe for drinking and other domestic uses. Annual sanitary surveys will be performed on not less than one third of all community and non-community public water systems served by groundwater. Systems with prior nitrate and bacteriological problems will be given priority for inspection.

FUNDING:

The District will receive funding in the amount of \$70,000 annually or a total of \$140,000 for its services pursuant to this Contract for the period effective upon the State's Board of Examiner's signature through June 30, 2011.

INTRASTATE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN PUBLIC AGENCIES

A Contract Between the State of Nevada
Acting By and Through Its

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection
901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701-5429

And

Southern Nevada Health District
Hereinafter the "Public Agency"
PO Box 3902
Las Vegas, NV 89127

WHEREAS, NRS 277.180 authorizes any one or more public agencies to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the services hereinafter set forth are both necessary and in the best interests of [the State of Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **REQUIRED APPROVAL.** This Contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by appropriate official action of the governing body of each party.
2. **DEFINITIONS.** "State" means the State of Nevada and any state agency identified herein, its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307.
3. **CONTRACT TERM.** This Contract shall be effective from BOE to 06/30/2011 , unless sooner terminated by either party as set forth in this Contract.
4. **TERMINATION.** This Contract may be terminated by either party prior to the date set forth in paragraph (3), provided that a termination shall not be effective until 30 days after a party has served written notice upon the other party. This Contract may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties or unilaterally by either party without cause. The parties expressly agree that this Contract shall be terminated immediately if for any reason State and/or federal funding ability to satisfy this Contract is withdrawn, limited, or impaired.
5. **NOTICE.** All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, by telephonic facsimile with simultaneous regular mail, or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid on the date posted, and addressed to the other party at the address set forth above.
6. **INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS.** The parties agree that the services to be performed shall be specifically described; this Contract incorporates the following attachments in descending order of constructive precedence:

ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF WORK (Consisting of 4 pages)

ATTACHMENT B: ADDITIONAL AGENCY TERMS & CONDITIONS (Consisting of 3 pages)

7. **CONSIDERATION.** Public Agency agrees to provide the services set forth in paragraph (6) at a cost of \$ N/A, per N/A with the total Contract or installments payable: Quarterly not exceeding \$70,000.00 per year and \$140,000.00 total. In addition, the State does not agree to reimburse contractor for expenses unless otherwise specified in the incorporated documents. Any intervening end to an annual or biennial appropriation period shall be deemed an automatic renewal (not changing the overall Contract term) or a termination as the results of legislative appropriation may require.

8. **ASSENT.** The parties agree that the terms and conditions listed on incorporated attachments of this Contract are also specifically a part of this Contract and are limited only by their respective order of precedence and any limitations expressly provided.

9. **INSPECTION & AUDIT.**

a. **Books and Records.** Each party agrees to keep and maintain under general accepted accounting principles full, true and complete records, agreements, books, and documents as are necessary to fully disclose to the other party, the State or United States Government, or their authorized representatives, upon audits or reviews, sufficient information to determine compliance with any applicable regulations and statutes.

b. **Inspection & Audit.** Each party agrees that the relevant books, records (written, electronic, computer related or otherwise), including but not limited to relevant accounting procedures and practices of the party, financial statements and supporting documentation, and documentation related to the work product shall be subject, at any reasonable time, to inspection, examination, review, audit, and copying at any office or location where such records may be found, with or without notice by the other party, the State Auditor, Employment Security, the Department of Administration, Budget Division, the Nevada State Attorney General's Office or its Fraud Control Units, the State Legislative Auditor, and with regard to any federal funding, the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any of their authorized representatives.

c. **Period of Retention.** All books, records, reports, and statements relevant to this Contract must be retained by each party for a minimum of three years and for five years if any federal funds are used in this Contract. The retention period runs from the date of termination of this Contract. Retention time shall be extended when an audit is scheduled or in progress for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit and/or to complete any administrative and judicial litigation which may ensue.

10. **BREACH; REMEDIES.** Failure of either party to perform any obligation of this Contract shall be deemed a breach. Except as otherwise provided for by law or this Contract, the rights and remedies of the parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including but not limited to actual damages, and to a prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

11. **LIMITED LIABILITY.** The parties will not waive and intend to assert available NRS chapter 41 liability limitations in all cases. Contract liability of both parties shall not be subject to punitive damages. To the extent applicable, actual contract damages for any breach shall be limited by NRS 353.260 and NRS 354.626.

12. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party shall be deemed to be in violation of this Contract if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder due to strikes, failure of public transportation, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, or acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, winds, or storms. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the party asserting such an excuse, and the excused party is obligated to promptly perform in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the intervening cause ceases.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Neither party waives any right or defense to indemnification that may exist in law or equity.

14. **INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AGENCIES.** The parties are associated with each other only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and in respect to performance of services pursuant to this Contract, each party is and shall be a public agency separate and distinct from the other party and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for one agency whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of the other agency or any other party.

15. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** Failure to declare a breach or the actual waiver of any particular breach of the Contract or its material or nonmaterial terms by either party shall not operate as a waiver by such party of any of its rights or remedies as to any other breach.

16. **SEVERABILITY**. If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the nonenforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

17. **ASSIGNMENT**. Neither party shall assign, transfer or delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party.

18. **OWNERSHIP OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION** . Unless otherwise provided by law or this Contract, any reports, histories, studies, tests, manuals, instructions, photographs, negatives, blue prints, plans, maps, data, system designs, computer code (which is intended to be consideration under this Contract), or any other documents or drawings, prepared or in the course of preparation by either party in performance of its obligations under this Contract shall be the joint property of both parties.

19. **PUBLIC RECORDS** . Pursuant to NRS 239.010, information or documents may be open to public inspection and copying. The parties will have the duty to disclose unless a particular record is made confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests.

20. **CONFIDENTIALITY**. Each party shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by that party to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.

21. **PROPER AUTHORITY**. The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Contract on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this Contract and that the parties are authorized by law to perform the services set forth in paragraph (6).

22. **GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION**. This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Nevada. The parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Nevada district courts for enforcement of this Contract.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION** This Contract and its integrated attachment(s) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and such are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Unless an integrated attachment to this Contract specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language between any such attachment and this Contract shall be construed consistent with the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Contract, no modification or amendment to this Contract shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto, approved by the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

DIVISION

By: _____
Signature

Name: Leo Drozdoff

Title: Administrator Date: _____

DIVISION FISCAL APPROVAL

By: _____
Signature

Name: Teresa Larson

Title: Budget Analyst Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General

Date: _____

PUBLIC AGENCY

By: _____
Signature

Name: Chris Giunchigliani

Title: Chair Date: 9/24/09
Southern Nevada District Board of Health

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Signature --- Board of Examiners

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

Scope of Work

**INTRASTATE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT
BETWEEN:
NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
THE SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**

**ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF WORK
Description of services, deliverables and reimbursement**

Southern Nevada Health District, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency, agrees to provide the following services and reports to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, hereinafter referred to as State:

1. The Public Agency agrees to perform the following services for public water systems within Clark County to assist the State with implementation of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, for which the State is the designated primacy agency:

- A. Conduct and document sanitary surveys within Clark County as follows:
 - 1) Annual sanitary surveys on all public water systems served by surface water sources or ground water under the direct influence of surface water;
 - 2) Conduct and document sanitary surveys annually on at least one third of the total inventory of community and non-community public water systems served by groundwater sources;
 - 3) Record the results of all sanitary surveys using the Safe Water Information Field Tool (SWIFT);
 - 4) Schedule with State personnel a minimum of three joint sanitary surveys annually; and
 - 5) Verify the status of public water system operators for community and non-transient non-community water systems at the time of the sanitary survey.

- B. Utilize the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) for the following:
 - 1) Review and update the inventory of public water systems within Clark County on at least a quarterly basis;
 - 2) Enter all monitoring results and run compliance status for all public water systems for coliform, at least monthly, and for all other constituents at least quarterly; and
 - 3) Enter sanitary survey information and associated observations into SWIFT and provide migration files for State SDWIS updates quarterly.

- C. Participate in training programs, provided at no cost by the State, for the following programs:
 - 1) SDWIS database; and
 - 2) SWIFT sanitary survey tool

- D. Assist the State in preparing reports on variance and exemption requests to be presented by State staff to the State Environmental Commission.

- E. Work cooperatively with the State to prepare for implementation of new United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rules that have not been adopted at the state level. This may include activities such as contacting and informing public water systems of new requirements, providing data to the USEPA and assisting the USEPA with implementation of new federal rules prior to adoption by the State Environmental Commission.

F. Submit quarterly reports to the State within thirty days after the calendar quarter ends. The quarterly report will include:

- 1) A financial report including a summary of program expenditures during the preceding quarter and fiscal year-to-date, by category;**
- 2) A summary of program activities during the preceding quarter including:**
 - a) Information pertaining to all new public water systems added to the Public Agency public water system inventory;**
 - b) A listing of all sanitary surveys conducted including public water system name, public water system identification number and date of the sanitary survey;**
 - c) A brief description of any water system emergencies;**
 - d) The total number of and a brief description of the reviews completed of public water system water projects;**
 - e) A listing of all public water system violations, grouped by type of violation, which includes the following information:**
 - 1) The name and PWS ID# of each public water system;**
 - 2) The type and level of violation incurred by the public water system;**
 - 3) A list of any enforcement actions, remedial follow-up visits or violations of orders occurring during the quarter;**
 - 4) The date and nature of the Public Agency response to violations, including where appropriate, the rationale for response;**
 - 5) The date of resolution;**
 - 6) Method of determining resolution; and**
 - 7) Action plans for any public water systems in significant noncompliance (SNC).**

G. The Public Agency will maintain forms and applications for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Grant Program, administered by the State, and will dispense information to Clark County public water systems that may be interested in these programs. To the extent resources allow, the Public Agency will participate in meetings and workshops concerning these programs.

H. Adopt any local regulations or ordinances needed by the Public Agency to fully implement the requirements of NRS 445A.800 to 445A.955 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Regulations adopted by the Public Agency pursuant to this section must not conflict with regulations adopted by the State Environmental Commission.

2. The State will, to the extent funding allows, provide the Public Agency with the following:

- A. Information on any changes or additions to NRS or NAC that pertain to public water systems;**
- B. Training to Public Agency staff on federal and state laws and regulations and database systems utilized by the State;**
- C. Computer software, including but not limited to, SDWIS, SWIFT;**
- D. Update emergency response contacts and phone numbers when changes occur and contact the Public Agency at (775) 328-3785 when necessary for emergencies; and**
- E. Upon request of the Public Agency, a list of Clark County public water system certified operators.**

3. The Public Agency and State agree to meet at least twice each year, in Las Vegas, during the term of this agreement to review their respective programs and discuss any changes needed to improve coordination between the programs.

4. The State will endeavor to identify and pursue additional funding opportunities to increase the contract amount. When such funding is secured, the State agrees to process a contract amendment for current and/or

future fiscal years. In the event that additional funding does not become available, the State agrees to meet with the Public Agency to review the Scope of Work and any amendments that might be proposed.

5. The Public Agency agrees to adhere to the following budget:

SNHD/NDEP State Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011 Safe Drinking Water Program Budgets

State Fiscal Year 2010	
Contract Approval to June 30, 2010:	
<u>SNHD Administrative Overhead</u>	
17.63 % of \$70,000	\$12,341
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$12,341
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<u>Personnel</u>	
Item includes 35% "Fringe and Benefits" costs	
Environmental Health Specialist II (46%)	\$46,435
Sr. Administrative Assistant (5%)	\$3,900
Environmental Health Supervisor (5%)	\$6,524
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$56,859
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<u>Equipment</u>	
Survey tools	\$150
Chemicals (Reagents for test kits)	\$350
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$500
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<u>Training</u>	
Books (Water Trtmt & Dist References)	\$300
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$300
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Grand Total:	\$70,000

State Fiscal Year 2011
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

SNHD Administrative Overhead

17.63% of \$70,000	\$12,341
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$12,341

Personnel

Item includes 35% "Fringe and Benefits" costs

Environmental Health Specialist II (46%)	\$46,884
Sr. Administrative Assistant (5%)	\$3,900
Environmental Health Supervisor (5%)	\$6,525
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$57,309

Equipment

Chemicals	\$350
<i>Sub-Total:</i>	\$350

Grand Total:	\$70,000
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ATTACHMENT B

Additional Agency Terms & Conditions

**ATTACHMENT B:
ADDITIONAL AGENCY TERMS & CONDITIONS
TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF PUBLIC AGENCY
CONTRACT CONTROL # 10-017**

1. For contracts utilizing federal funds, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection shall pay no more compensation than the federal Executive Service Level 4 (U.S. Code) daily rate (exclusive of fringe benefits) for individual consultants retained by the Public Agency or by the Public Agency's contractors or subcontractors. This limitation applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. The current Level 4 rate is **\$73.40** per hour.
2. **NDEP shall only reimburse the Public Agency for actual cash disbursed.** Original invoices (facsimiles are not acceptable) must be received by NDEP no later than forty (40) calendar days after the end of a month or quarter except at the end of the fiscal year of the State of Nevada (June 30th), at the expiration date of the grant, or the effective date of the revocation of the contract, at which times original invoices must be received by NDEP no later than thirty-five (35) calendar days after this date. Failure of the Public Agency to submit billings according to the prescribed timeframes authorizes NDEP, in its sole discretion, to collect or withhold a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount being requested for each week or portion of a week that the billing is late. The Public Agency shall provide with each invoice a detailed fiscal summary that includes the approved contract budget, expenditures for the current period, cumulative expenditures to date, and balance remaining for each budget category. If match is required pursuant to paragraph 3 below, a similar fiscal summary of match expenditures must accompany each invoice. The Public Agency shall obtain prior approval to transfer funds between budget categories if the funds to be transferred are greater than ten percent (10%) cumulative of the total Contract amount.
3. The Public Agency shall, as part of its approved scope of work and budget under this Contract, provide third party match funds of not less than: \$_____. If match funds are required, the Public Agency shall comply with additional record-keeping requirements as specified in 40 CFR 31.24 and Attachment _____ (Third Party Match Record-Keeping Requirements) which is attached hereto and by this reference is incorporated herein and made part of this Contract.
4. Unless otherwise provided in Attachment A (Scope of Work), the Public Agency shall submit quarterly reports or other deliverables within ten (10) calendar days after the end of each quarter.
5. All payments under this Contract are contingent upon the receipt by NDEP of sufficient funds, necessary to carry out the purposes of this Contract, from either the Nevada Legislature or an agency of the United States. NDEP shall determine if it has received the specific funding necessary for this Contract. If funds are not received from either source for the specific purposes of this Contract, NDEP is under no obligation to supply funding for this Contract. The receipt of sufficient funds as determined by NDEP is a condition precedent to NDEP's obligation to make payments under this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to provide the Public Agency with a right of payment over any other entity. If any payments that are otherwise due to the Public Agency under this Contract are deferred because of the unavailability of sufficient funds, such payments will promptly be made to the Public Agency if sufficient funds later become available.
6. Notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 5, at the sole discretion of NDEP, payments will not be made by NDEP unless all required reports or deliverables have been submitted to and approved by NDEP within the schedule stated in Attachment A.
7. Any funds obligated by NDEP under this Contract that are not expended by the Public Agency shall automatically revert back to NDEP upon the completion, termination or cancellation of this Contract. NDEP shall not have any obligation to re-award or to provide, in any manner, such unexpended funds to the Public Agency. The Public Agency shall have no claim of any sort to such unexpended funds.
8. For contracts utilizing federal funds, the Public Agency shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that at least the "fair share" percentages as stated below for prime contracts for construction, services, supplies or equipment are made available to organizations owned or controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Small Business Enterprise (SBE)), women (Women Business Enterprise (WBE)) and historically black colleges and universities.

	MBE/SBE	WBE
Construction	12%	10%
Services	07%	25%
Supplies	13%	28%
Equipment	11%	23%

The Public Agency agrees and is required to utilize the following seven affirmative steps:

- a. Include in its bid documents applicable "fair share" percentages as stated above and require all of its prime contractors to include in their bid documents for subcontracts the "fair share" percentages;
- b. Include qualified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) on solicitation lists;
- c. Assure that SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- d. Divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into small tasks or quantities to e. permit maximum participation of SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs;
- e. Establish delivery schedules, where the requirements of the work permit, which will encourage participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs;
- f. Use the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of commerce as appropriate; and
- g. If a subcontractor awards contracts/procurements, require the subcontractor to take the affirmative steps in subparagraphs a. through e. of this condition.

9. The Public Agency shall complete and submit to NDEP a Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Utilization Report (Standard Form 334) within fifteen (15) calendar days after the end of each federal fiscal year (September 30th) for each year this Contract is in effect and within fifteen (15) calendar days after the termination date of this Contract.

10. The books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices of the Public Agency or any subcontractor relevant to this Contract shall be subject to inspection, examination and audit by the State of Nevada, the Division of Environmental Protection, the Attorney General of Nevada, the Nevada State Legislative Auditor, the federal or other funding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States or any authorized representative of those entities.

11. All books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives, annual reports or other documents, data, materials or drawings prepared by or supplied to the Public Agency in the performance of its obligations under this Contract shall be the joint property of both parties. Such items must be retained by the Public Agency for a minimum of three years from the date of final payment by NDEP to the Public Agency, and all other pending matters are closed. If requested by NDEP at any time within the retention period, any such materials shall be remitted and delivered by the Public Agency, at the Public Agency's expense, to NDEP. NDEP does not warrant or assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, report or product of any kind that the Public Agency may disclose or use for purposes other than the performance of the Public Agency's obligations under this Contract. For any work outside the obligations of this Contract, the Public Agency must include a disclaimer that the information, report or products are the views and opinions of the Public Agency and do not necessarily state or reflect those of NDEP nor bind NDEP.

12. Unless otherwise provided in Attachment A, when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, the Public Agency shall clearly state that funding for the project or program was provided by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and, if applicable, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Public Agency will insure that NDEP is given credit in all official publications relative to this specific project and that the content of such publications will be coordinated with NDEP prior to being published.

13. Unless otherwise provided in Attachment A, all property purchased with funds provided pursuant to this Contract is the property of NDEP and shall, if NDEP elects within four (4) years after the completion, termination or cancellation of this Contract or after the conclusion of the use of the property for the purposes of this Contract during its term, be returned to NDEP at the Public Agency's expense.

Such property includes but is not limited to vehicles, computers, software, modems, calculators, radios, and analytical and safety equipment. The Public Agency shall use all purchased property in accordance with local, state and federal law, and shall use the property only for Contract purposes unless otherwise agreed to in writing by NDEP.

For any unauthorized use of such property by the Public Agency, NDEP may elect to terminate the Contract and to have the property immediately returned to NDEP by the Public Agency at the Public Agency's expense. To the extent authorized by law, the Public Agency shall indemnify and save and hold the State of Nevada and NDEP harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from any use or custody of the property by the Public Agency or the Public Agency's agents or employees or any subcontractor or their agents or employees.

14. The Public Agency shall use recycled paper for all reports that are prepared as part of this Contract and delivered to NDEP. This requirement does not apply to standard forms.

15. The Public Agency, to the extent provided by Nevada law, shall indemnify and save and hold the State of Nevada, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from the performance of this Contract by the Public Agency or the Public Agency's agents or employees or any subcontractor or their agents or employees. NDEP, to the extent provided by Nevada law, shall indemnify and save and hold the Public Agency, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from the performance of this Contract by NDEP or NDEP's agents or employees.

16. The Public Agency and its subcontractors shall obtain any necessary permission needed, before entering private or public property, to conduct activities related to the work plan (Attachment A). The property owner will be informed of the program, the type of data to be gathered, and the reason for the requested access to the property.

17. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Nevada and conditions established in OMB Circular A-102. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the State of Nevada. Any action brought to enforce this contract shall be brought in the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada. The Public Agency and any of its subcontractors shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws in carrying out the obligations of this Contract, including all federal and state accounting procedures and requirements established in OMB Circular A-87 and A-133. The Public Agency and any of its subcontractors shall also comply with the following:

- a. 40 CFR Part 7 - Nondiscrimination In Programs Receiving Federal Assistance From EPA
- b. 40 CFR Part 29 - Intergovernmental Review Of EPA Programs And Activities.
- c. 40 CFR Part 31 - Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants And Cooperative Agreements To State and Local Governments;
- d. 40 CFR Part 32 - Governmentwide Debarment And Suspension (Nonprocurement) And Governmentwide Requirements For Drug-Free Workplace (Grants);
- e. 40 CFR Part 34 - Lobbying Activities;
- f. 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart O - Cooperative Agreements And Superfund State Contracts For Superfund Response Actions (Superfund Only); and
- g. The Hotel And Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990.

18. The Public Agency shall neither assign, transfer nor delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of NDEP.