

NAC 555 Workshop Minutes from 09/03/2025

Division of Plant Health and Compliance



MEETING MINUTES

Of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

LCB File No. R127-23 and R005-25

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) held a workshop on September 3rd 2025, beginning at 2:00 pm at the following location(s):

Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 E. St. Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone: (702) 668-4590

Video conference to:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone (775) 353-3601

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89445
Phone: (775) 738-8076

Phone and/or video conference via:

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Meeting Number: 232 728 163 000 1

Access code: mG3u3fh6

Persons in attendance:

- Meghan Brown, Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Raymond P. Saliga, Deputy Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Vanze Lum Environmental Scientist IV
- Dyan R. Reece, Administrative Assistant III
- Warren Hardy, Nevada Pest Management Association, Las Vegas

- Lee Lawrence, ZeeBest Pest Control, Sparks
- No outside public attended on phone or online

LCB File No. R127-23

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga, noted that the workshop was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, the Las Vegas and Elko offices. As well as virtually via Teams. The hearing had been properly noticed and was recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020)

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga stated that this workshop was being held to solicit comments from interested persons on changes to NAC Chapter 555 pertaining to **R127-23**: The proposed regulation reduces the burden on existing licensed businesses and individuals new to the pest control industry by providing a training period in which individuals may apply pesticides while completing the licensing process. The supervision, training and information exchange requirements in the proposed regulation ensure that trainees are equipped with essential information necessary to protect themselves and the public and to maintain compliance with state and federal law during this training period. NAC 555 revisions contained in **R127-23** implement regulations required by SB 159 of the 82nd Legislative Session.

II. Public Comment (1st period)

Deputy Administrator, Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

No Comments from any source

III. Reading and Discussion of Proposed Regulations

Ray Saliga outlined the Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 555 **R127-23** for proposed amendment.

The proposed regulation reduces the burden on existing licensed businesses and individuals new to the pest control industry by providing a training period in which individuals may apply pesticides while completing the licensing process. The supervision, training and information exchange requirements in the proposed regulation ensure that trainees are equipped with essential information necessary to protect themselves and the public and to maintain compliance with state and federal law during this training period.

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

Warren Hardy representing Nevada Pest Management Association,

- Section 3 states that a person may register only one time, in one of the three categories, what was the thought process behind that?

- Ray Saliga: The purpose of the training period is to enable a trainee to start performing pest control as soon as they are trained to company standards. The rationale behind this was that the trainee will be focused on learning safety, risks, and proper application techniques pertaining to that category
- Is it typical then in the industry for a licensed applicator only to practice in one of those three fields?
 - Ray Saliga: I don't have any statistics on hand, but these are the most common 3 fields with the highest number of licensees in them
- I would imagine that once they've done their training in that matter of course they can get certified or licensed in another area, such as weeds?
 - Ray Saliga: New licensees will take a general exam and then a category exam. Once licensed they can take additional exams to license in additional categories, while working in the category that they are already licensed
- They could perform that work while studying to take other exams?
 - Ray Saliga: Yes. They would be able to work in the category in which they are licensed while they study to take additional exams
- Is limited landscape in weeds a lot of restricted use?
 - It is possible but very rarely seen
- When does the provisional license become effective? When can they go into the field? This should be clear in the regulation.
- Concern over the liability of the company owner if the regulation isn't clear and concise on what training requirements are.
 - Ray Saliga: The majority of this language was pulled from CFR pertaining to worker protection standards for minimum safety for people who work near or apply pesticides on farms. This was to allow industry to meet these training requirements by providing an EPA approved video which covers all of these points. We can also provide sign-off forms which state what information was provided

Lee Lawrence ZeeBest Pest Control Sparks

- He feels the average applicant can't pass the exams.
- Wants the system to be simplified for the department and industry with public safety being the biggest concern.
- Concerns about record keeping of trainees and licensed employees.
- Feels that a training video is a great idea and even offered to help design it.
- Offering help to work with language on any new regulations.

IV. Public Comment (2nd period):

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

V. Adjourn

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga thanked the workshop/hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 2:49 p.m.

LCB File No. R005-25

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm by Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga, noted that the workshop was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, the Las Vegas and Elko offices. As well as virtually via Teams. The hearing had been properly noticed and was recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020)

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga stated that this workshop was being held to solicit comments from interested persons on changes to NAC Chapter 555 pertaining to **R005-25**. The proposed regulation is intended to assist the department in modernizing the reporting of wood-destroying pest inspection forms. Physical wood-destroying pest inspection report forms are currently provided by the NDA to industry free of charge pursuant to current regulations. The NDA anticipates the modernization of providing a digital platform to industry to complete and submit wood-destroying pest inspection reports will benefit the industry as well as the department. Current regulation requires the use of digital signatures for electronically submitted reports; updating the type of signature required will enable the department to utilize existing technologies and department resources to modernize the process.

VI. Public Comment (1st period)

Deputy Administrator, Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

Lee Lawrence ZeeBest Pest Control

Very happy to see the NDA move forward to get these forms modernized.

VII. Reading and Discussion of Proposed Regulations

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process. NAC 555 revisions contained in R127-23 implement regulations required by SB 159 of the 82nd Legislative Session.

There were no questions or discussion regarding the proposed changes.

VIII. Public Comment (2nd period):

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

No Comments from any source

IX. Adjourn

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga thanked the workshop/hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 3:02 p.m.