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Proposed Revisions to Execution Protocol Released

(LINCOLN) – The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) today provided notice of a public hearing on the proposed, revised execution protocol, Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 69, Chapter 11. NDCS revised the execution protocol after Nebraskans voted to keep the death penalty as a measure of justice and public safety.

The current protocol specifically provides for a three-drug combination. The proposed, revised protocol does not identify the substance(s) to be used or the detailed method in which they will be administered. This change will allow NDCS to obtain available drugs and utilize the most current methods to administer them. The proposed, revised protocol requires NDCS to notify inmates of the drug(s) and quantity to be administered 60 days prior to the Attorney General's request for a death warrant from the Nebraska Supreme Court.

WHAT: NDCS hearing on revised Execution Protocol

WHEN: December 30, 2016; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*unless testimony concludes earlier*)

WHERE: State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall, Lower Level Conference Room, Lincoln

The hearing on the revised execution protocol is a forum for public comment, limited to five (5) minutes per person, on the revisions and written submissions will be accepted and made part of the record for anyone unable to attend the hearing. For written submissions to be part of the record, they must be received by NDCS **on or before December 27, 2016**. They can be mailed to NDCS, PO Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509 or emailed to mark.boyer@nebraska.gov.

A draft of the proposed, revised execution protocol is attached, and may also be obtained by the public at the Office of the Secretary of State, Records Division Room 343, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509 and on the NDCS website.

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