



**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**BUREAU OF WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**FACT SHEET**  
**June 29, 2005**

(Pursuant to NAC 444.641.3(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal regulations of the Nevada Administrative Code.)

**Applicant Name:** Western Elite, Inc.

**Permit Number:** SW277REV0

**Description of Proposed Facility:**

Construction and operation of a Class III disposal site composed of one industrial solid waste landfill unit, contiguous land, structures, and other appurtenances and improvements for the disposal of solid waste has been proposed by Western Elite, Inc. The proposal to begin construction and operations at this site has been formally requested of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) by Western Elite, Inc.'s submittal of a permit application for a Class III disposal site. Western Elite, Inc. owns the land on which the site is located; Western Elite, Inc. proposes to operate the site. The Application provides that interim and final cover will be installed concurrently with ongoing operations.

**Location:**

Lincoln County, Nevada. Portions of Sections 24 and 25, Township 11 South, Range 62 East on the west side of US Highway 93, approximately 65 miles north of Las Vegas (30 miles south of Alamo), NV.

**Description and Design of the Site:**

The site is located within 1,000 feet of US Highway 93, approximately 30 miles south of Alamo in Lincoln County. It is zoned M-2, Heavy Manufacturing. A sand and gravel operation is located on Western Elite property to the northwest of the proposed landfill. Other surrounding lands are undeveloped open space. The Permit authorizes the construction and operation of a Class III disposal site, consisting of one industrial solid waste landfill unit, contiguous land, structures, and other appurtenances and improvements for the disposal of industrial waste as approved by the Division. The landfill will perform groundwater-monitoring, closure, and post closure care in accordance with the Permit.

Western Elite, Inc. has been accepting construction debris generated in the Las Vegas area since 1996 for the stated purposes of recycling, composting and mulch production. To date Western Elite has marketed a small fraction of the quantity of waste received, however, so the volume of solid waste at the site has grown steadily. The waste consists of common construction waste materials such as wood, drywall, metals, wiring, plastic film, and PVC plastic. The applicant estimates the site currently contains approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of waste. The Seventh Judicial District Court of the state of Nevada in and for the County of Lincoln has issued an Amended Order to address the existing onsite waste. A Compliance schedule is included in the Permit as a condition of issuance.

The applicant has proposed a Construction and Demolition (C&D) solid waste landfill of an area-fill design with a liner system and leachate collection and recovery system (LCRS). The landfill has a proposed footprint of 83 acres and a total capacity of ~12,741,307 cubic yards. Solid waste would be placed in 20-foot high lifts. At final build-out the landfill would be approximately 150 feet high. Cells will be separated by 12" of soil to reduce the likelihood of the spread of fires should one occur in any of the disposal cells. The active life of the landfill was estimated to be 65 to 70 years based on receipt of 600,000 cubic yards of uncompacted solid waste per year. The waste existing onsite is included in the volume amounts above.

**Proposed Action**

The Division proposes to issue a permit for the construction, operation and subsequent closure and post closure care of the facility. The application has been reviewed for both its completeness and technical merits



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and Western Elite has responded to all comments and the Division has no further comment on the proposed application. At this time, the Division is notifying the public of the opportunity to submit public comment on the proposed action to issue the permit.

**Availability of Documents**

A copy of the Public Notice and this Fact Sheet will be available for public review at:

Lincoln County Courthouse  
Pioche, Nevada

And  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Waste Management  
Solid Waste Branch  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Division of Environmental Protection at the above address, with attention to Jon Taylor PE, or emailing [jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov) or by calling (775) 687-9477.

**Procedure for Public Review**

Submit questions or comments on or before the end of the public comment period in any of the following ways:

1. Write to: Jon Taylor, P.E., CEM, Staff Engineer, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management, 333 West Nye Lane, Room 138, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851.

Whom can I talk to about this if I have questions?

2. NDEP Contact: Jon Taylor, P.E., CEM, Staff Engineer, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management, 333 West Nye Lane, Room 138, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851, e-mail: [jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jtaylor@ndep.nv.gov) (775) 687-9477

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's Notice of Intent to issue a permit authorizing the operation of this facility, subject to the conditions contained in the permit, will be published in the Las Vegas Review Journal and the Lincoln County Record. Additionally, the Public Notice will be mailed to interested persons on our mailing list. The Division will accept written comments and written requests for a public hearing on the draft permit from all interested persons. Written requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues which the requester intends to raise at the hearing. Written requests for a public hearing and written comments on the draft permit will be accepted until the end of the public comment period. The Division may extend the period for public review, as necessary.

**Will there be a public hearing?**

The Division may schedule a public hearing on its own initiative or based on receipt of a written request received during the public comment period. Any interested person may submit a written request to the Division for a public hearing on the proposed action. The request must state the nature of the issues which the requester intends to raise at the hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, the Division will notify all persons who are on the mailing list or who have submitted written comments on the proposed action.



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**When does the comment period end?**

The 30-day comment period ends August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Anyone wishing to comment should do so in writing prior to this date. The Division may extend the comment period, as it deems necessary.