



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator is proposing three (3) new general permits to govern the proper treatment and disposal of domestic sewage from commercial properties. The proposed general permits have the following designations:

GNVOSDS09 - Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDS) - commercial septic systems. The objective of this permit is to control and reduce pollution of Waters of the State from domestic sewage related to commercial activities. This permit would govern standard OSDS systems along with other advanced treatment units such as de-nitrification and aerobic systems. Subsurface discharges of treated wastewater to ground waters of the State via percolation would be allowed under a set of conditions specified in the permit.

GNVTHT09 - Temporary Holding Tanks. These systems would only collect domestic sewage from temporary commercial operations such as mining and geothermal exploration; wastewater would then be transferred for treatment and disposal. The proposed permit would be valid for a period of 180 days; renewals would be granted at the Division's discretion.

GNVPHT09 - Permanent Holding Tanks. These systems will only collect domestic sewage from permanent commercial operations where due to remote nature of the locations and adverse site conditions, standard domestic sewage treatments methods along with sub-surface disposal can not be implemented in a practical way. Wastewater would then be transferred for treatment and disposal.

Please note that all permit conditions are defined according to the intended use and are site specific. Testing, monitoring and reporting conditions may apply regarding effluent quality (OSDS systems) and pumping frequency (holding tanks). The maximum size/volume limit for this general permits is 15,000 gallons. Based on specific intended use and site conditions, the Division may require an individual permit.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue general permits **GNVOSDS09, GNVTH09 & GNEVPHT09** for a five (5) year period, subject to the effluent limitations as described above.

THE PROPOSED GENERAL PERMITS DO NOT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; THEY APPLY ONLY TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 16th, 2009, either in person or by mail to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249**

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Alexi Lanza, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9468, or at alanza@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.