



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a finding of no significant impact for the McDermitt water project. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: New well for uranium mitigation

Project No.: No. 13 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Elko County - Jackpot Water System

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$737,000

The Jackpot water system supplies water to the community of Jackpot located 68 miles north of Wells. The Jackpot water system well 2 is above the MCL for uranium. This well will have to be blended or treated before the water can be used in the system. The proposed project is to construct a new well which will provide adequate supply so that the water system can afford to abandon well 2.

Elko County obtained financial assistance from the USDA, Rural Development (RD) utilities program for improvements to the Jackpot water system. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA RD assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. NDEP concurs with the USDA's Finding of No Significant Impact. The basis of this determination is that no floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources or important farmlands will be affected by this project.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by December 31, 2009 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.