



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: Arsenic Mitigation

Project No.: No. 15 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: McDermitt Water System

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$465,000

The McDermitt water system supplies water to the community of McDermitt located 74 miles north of Winnemucca. The proposed project is necessary to bring the water system into compliance with the drinking water standard for arsenic. The project consists of rehabilitation/modification to the two existing wells which could include changing the pump intake depth, installing well packers, blanking off zones that do not meet drinking water standards, isolation of screen intervals with poor water quality and/or changing pumping schedules. All of these activities will occur inside the existing well houses and do not require construction of new facilities. If rehabilitation/modification to the existing wells does not produce water that meets the drinking water standard, then a pipeline from the existing wells to the storage tank will be constructed to provide blending.

The project is eligible for a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. The only construction included in this project is the pipeline from the existing wells to the storage tank should it be required to blend. Construction will take place in an area that has been previously disturbed. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins.

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 June 12, 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.