

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

From:

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As required by NAC 445.42116 through NAC 445.42128, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed project listed below:

Projects: Town of Hawthorne's Wastewater Treatment Pond Upgrades
Town of Hawthorne's Collection System Rehabilitation

Location: Northern Hawthorne, Mineral County, Nevada

Latitude: 38° 33 ' 58 " N
Longitude: 118 ° 38' 22" W

Project Numbers: **CS32-0938s and CS32-0968s**

These projects cover the construction of two HDPE lined wastewater treatment ponds to replace the existing earthen lined wastewater treatment ponds and replacement of over 4000 feet of clay sewer pipe in the Town of Hawthorne in northern Mineral County. This project will provide an environmental benefit by eliminating the seepage of wastewater from soil lined treatment ponds to groundwater and providing an improved treated effluent quality for disposal into rapid infiltration basins. The sewer collection project will eliminate the direct exfiltration of wastewater within the town were clay pipe has been compromised.

This project is being funded by the federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Specific activities to construct this proposed project that may constitute an environmental disturbance include grading at the pond construction sites and trench excavation for the new sewer lines. The majority of this disturbance will be in areas within the footprint of the present wastewater treatment pond system and in existing right of ways of city streets. Therefore, minimal new ground will be disturbed.

The Division's environmental review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts from this project construction. Therefore, a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) is the preliminary determination made by the Division. Information supporting this decision is available for public review at the office of the Division listed above.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted to the Division at the address listed above for the attention of Joseph Maez, P.E. or by email at jmaez@ndep.nv.gov. After evaluating all comments received, the Division will make a final decision on whether to issue this FONSI ruling. The deadline for comment to the Division on this project is set for **June 27, 2009**.