



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public 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 has received an application to renew water pollution control discharge permit # NEV50020 from:

U.S. Gypsum Co.
P.O. Box 130
Empire, NV 89405

The Permittee operates a gypsum mining and manufacturing operation in the Town of Empire (pop. 200), Washoe County. To treat the town's domestic (sanitary) wastewater, a treatment facility comprising of two septic (Imhoff) tanks with trickling filters discharges treated effluent into two evaporation/percolation ponds. The treatment facility is rated at 50,000 gallons per day (GPD) capacity and is currently discharging at 15,000 GPD. The treatment facility is operated by a licensed Grade II wastewater operator and effluent parameters are reported on a quarterly basis to the Division. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

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) calendar days of the date of the paper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on Monday, November 23, 2009, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St, 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 calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov. The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet and proposed permit conditions for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>