



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 5/8/09

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 a complete renewal application for water pollution control discharge permit NEV95017 from the following applicant:

Masterfoods USA  
500 Waltham Way  
McCarran, Nevada 89434

The applicant is a manufacturer of dry pet food. The applicant has applied for a permit to discharge disinfected, tertiary treated wastewater to groundwaters of the State. The applicant proposes to continue to treat up to 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) sanitary waste with up to 20,000 gpd industrial wastewater in a single tank Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment plant. The SBR will produce tertiary-treated effluent with a 5-day biochemical oxygen demand of less than 30 mg/L, a total nitrogen concentration of less than 10 mg/L, and a total suspended solids concentration of less than 30 mg/L. After disinfection, the effluent will have a fecal coliform concentration of less than 23 colony forming units per 100 milliliters. The plant has two points of discharge: the HDPE-lined effluent holding pond and to landscape irrigation. Six groundwater monitoring wells will be monitored to ensure that there is no degradation of groundwater.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

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, closing at 5:00 P.M. June 12, 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

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

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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 Steve McGoff, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9429 or [smcgoff@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:smcgoff@ndep.nv.gov).

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