



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting July 15, 2009

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a renewal application for Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit UNEV93214 for an existing mine project from the following applicant:

Queenstake Resources USA Inc.
HC 31 Box 78
Elko, Nevada 89801

The permittee injects fluids produced from multiple underground mine dewatering systems for the Jerritt Canyon Mine project, Elko County, Nevada. Injection is currently conveyed via piping into seven injection wells, and is permitted for up to fifteen wells/mine sumps located within the project area in the future. Analyses of the injected water and the ground water in the Jerritt Canyon area indicate the fluids are of similar quality. Water chemistry will be monitored to ensure that drinking water standards or background levels are not exceeded.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells pursuant to Nevada UIC regulations. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to re-issue the UIC permit to authorize continued injection activities.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by August 26, 2009 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant

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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 days prior to the hearing date.

The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428. Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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