



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 7/7/10

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit, NEV2004522, from the following applicant:

**Bill Artamenko
Yaweh Farms
1491 Lower Honcut Road
Oroville, CA 95966**

The Permittee proposes to construct and operate a vermiculture facility to process a maximum of 11,000 wet tons per year of dewatered domestic septage to Class A biosolids standards at Yaweh Farms. Yaweh Farms is located 3 kilometers west of Toulon on the south side of Tomi Road, Pershing County, Nevada. To be eligible for public distribution, the metals concentrations in the castings must be below the biosolids pollutant concentration limits and adequate pathogen reduction must be demonstrated. The castings are proposed to be sold to nurseries and horticulturists as potting material.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to renew the discharge permit for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

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, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on **August 16, 2010**, 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 Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. **August 16, 2010** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment 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. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public 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 Janine Hartley, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.