



Public Notice -- Request for Public Comment, On a Draft Permit For The Management of Hazardous Waste Web Posting (08/05/2010)

Hazardous Waste

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is requesting public comment on the DRAFT PERMITS for the renewal of two hazardous waste management units owned by the United States Department of Energy. The units are located on the Nevada Test Site, which is approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. The DRAFT PERMITS continue the provisions of the Part B Permit first issued to the Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office in March 1995, subsequently renewed in 2000 and renewed again as part of Permit NEVHW0021 in 2005. The new permits would grant approval in accordance with the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal regulations 40 CFR Part 124, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 459.000 through 459.600 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 444.842 through 444.960 to the Department of Energy to continue operations at the following two units:

Hazardous Waste Storage Unit (HWSU): The draft HWSU permit allows the Permittee to store hazardous waste in containers on a pad designed for the safe and effective storage of the wastes generated at the facility. The Permittee will be allowed to store a maximum of 16,280 gallons of approved waste at a time.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EODU): The draft EODU permit allows the Permittee to treat explosive ordnance wastes by open detonation in a specially constructed and managed area designed for the safe and effective treatment of these wastes. Explosive ordnance wastes are defined as hazardous wastes under 40 CFR §§ 261.121, 261.23, 261.24, and 261.33. The Permittee will be allowed to detonate a maximum of 100 pounds of approved waste at a time.

Public Comment

The ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD for the DRAFT PERMITS, which includes the APPLICATIONS, DRAFT PERMITS and FACT SHEET, are available for public review during business hours at the address below. Anyone wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing on these DRAFT PERMITS should do so in writing on or before September 15, 2010 to NDEP in Las Vegas, Nevada. For further information and to obtain copies of the FACT SHEET, visit the Web site:

<http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#bff> or contact the NDEP at:

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All comments will be addressed in the ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD. A final decision to issue the permit and to establish permit conditions will be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has delivered within the comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. The decision will become effective 30 days from the date of issuance unless appealed. The final decision shall become effective immediately in the absence of comments to request a change in the DRAFT PERMITS.