



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 2/23/10

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The Administrator has received a complete renewal application for a water pollution control discharge permit (NV0020192) from the following applicant:

State of Nevada
Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

The applicant operates the Lake Mead Fish Hatchery located at 245 Lakeshore Drive, on the western shores of Lake Mead, about two miles north of Boulder Beach. The facility lies in the SW-SW Sec 34, T 21 S, R 64 E, MDBM. This is a cold water hatchery which typically, when in full production, produces approximately 200,000 pounds of trout each year. The facility uses Lake Mead water as the flow through water source, routing the water through a series of rearing basins. The spent water is settled in a sedimentation basin and then discharged into a natural watercourse that flows into Lake Mead.

Also,

The Administrator has received a complete renewal application for a water pollution control discharge permit (NV0020664) from the same applicant:

The applicant has operated the Spring Creek Rearing Station on Snake Creek, near Baker, Nevada since 1976 under permit NV0020664. The facility has been in operation since 1950. The fish rearing station receives water from two sources: Spring Creek Spring, approximately 75% of the inflow, and Snake Creek, approximately 25% of the inflow. The facility discharges from two points into a ditch that empties into Spring Creek's natural channel then flows to Snake Creek. Snake Creek, flows in an easterly direction toward the town of Garrison, Utah, where the water is used for stock watering and irrigation. Excess water then flows into a State of Utah playa to infiltrate or evaporate.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit for each facility to discharge, subject to certain limitations and conditions. Each permit will include sampling requirements to assure maintenance of the state water quality standards. The permit for each facility will tentatively be issued for a five (5) year period.

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 notice. However, the Administrator can, by this notice or with discretion, extend the comment period. All materials being submitted for comment shall include the proposed action permit number and must be hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST, or PDT if in effect, on Friday, March 26, 2010 the close of noticed comment period, 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

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The request must be filed within the comment period as noticed and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received by 5:00 PM up through the comment period date, as noticed herein or as extended by the Administrator, will be considered in the formulation of final determination 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 Sam Stegeman, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9538, or via e-mail at: sstegema@ndep.nv.gov. The Water Pollution Control office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://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.

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