



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 1/14/10

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, #NV0022845, from the following applicant:

**Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino
3475 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109**

The Permittee operates a 2,677-room hotel and casino at 3475 Las Vegas Blvd. South in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. This facility includes a dewatering system to prevent the South Roadway Tunnel from flooding. The Tunnel provides employee vehicular access from the main entrance to the valet parking area. Due to the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and petroleum hydrocarbons in the shallow groundwater and sediment in the stormwater, water recovered during dewatering of the Tunnel must be pumped through a series of sediment filters and two activated carbon units in series for treatment prior to discharge to the Clark County storm drain system. The storm drain system discharges the sump water to an outfall located at the Flamingo Wash. Monitoring of the discharge is conducted to ensure that surface waters are not degraded as a result of the tunnel dewatering discharge. The discharge flow is permitted at a maximum rate of 0.072 million gallons per day (MGD), but the flow varies seasonally according to the area's water table level and precipitation. There has been no flow from the treatment system and sump and zero discharge to the Wash as a result of Tunnel dewatering since August, 2007.

The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed NPDES permit conditions to the applicant for a period of five (5) years.

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 or by Fax, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, by **5:00 P.M. on February 17, 2010**, either in person or by mail to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001
Carson City, NV 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. February 17, 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.

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Harrah's Las Vegas –South Roadway Tunnel dewatering NPDES Permit

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 Jeryl Gardner of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at jgardner@ndep.nv.gov, or FAX (775) 687-4684. Copies of the Fact Sheet and Public Notice may be viewed or printed from the NDEP website at <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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