



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 11/23/10

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 an application for an underground injection control (UIC) permit for a geothermal power plant project. Permit UNEV2011201 has been applied for by the following applicant:

ORNI 15 LLC
6225 Neil Road
Reno, Nevada 89511

The applicant has submitted an application for an UIC permit associated with re-injection of geothermal water for purposes of a power production facility in Jersey Valley area Pershing County. The applicant is requesting up to seven (7) injection wells located in portions of Sections 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, portions of 33, portions of 34 T27N, R40E, portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 18, 19 T26N, R40E, and portions of Sections 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 27, T26N, R39E MDB&M. Proposed target injection zones are from 1,500 – 4,000 feet below ground surface. This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. Final injection approval will come after submission of completion report for each well and other information which may be needed for determination.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge 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 December 28, 2010 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 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.