



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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by the  
State of Nevada  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Administrator received an application for an Operating Permit-to-Construct (OPTC) for a Class I facility (AP4911-2747) from the following applicant:

NV Energy – North Valmy Generating Station  
I-80 East, Stonehouse Exit 212  
Valmy, Nevada 89438

The North Valmy Generating Station is located in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 4 miles north of the Interstate 80 Stonehouse Exit 212, Section 29, T35N, R43E (MDB&M). The Administrator has prepared a tentative determination regarding the operating permit that, in brief, includes the following primary equipment:

- X Replacement of the cooling tower for the Valmy Unit 1 boiler with a new, more efficient cooling tower. Installation and operation of the new Unit 1 cooling tower will result in a net decrease in PM/PM<sub>10</sub> emissions of 126 tons per year on a facility-wide basis.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is hereby announcing her intent to issue the Class I OPTC based on a review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft OPTC is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Humboldt County Library  
85 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Battle Mountain Branch Library  
625 South Broad Street  
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax within thirty **(30)** days to:

Pat Mohn, P.E.  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Nevada Bureau of Air Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249  
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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **March 11, 2011**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Class I OPTC. Upon a valid written request received prior to the end of the comment period, the Administrator will schedule a public hearing on the application and proposed action.

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