



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

Categorical Exclusion DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP has determined that the project described below is eligible for Categorical Exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Name: Construct new well at Dyer Elementary School

Project Rank: No. 31 on Year 2011 Priority List

Applicant: Esmeralda County School District

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$295,675

Dyer Elementary School is located approximately 3 miles north of the community of Dyer within the Fish Lake Valley, approximately 73 miles southwest of Tonopah. Esmeralda School District operates a public water system at Dyer Elementary School that serves three teacher-housing residences and the elementary school, approximately 60 people total. NDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water has given the school a variance from the drinking water standard for total dissolved solids (TDS) raising the maximum allowed level from 1,000 mg/l to 1,500 mg/l. Historically, by blending their two well sources, the school has been able to comply with the 1,500 mg/l limit. Recently, the well with the better water quality appears to have dried up and is not available to blend; consequently, the school has not been able to maintain 1,500 mg/l TDS. The School District has been providing bottled water to the school and residences for cooking and drinking. The project is to drill a new 330 foot deep well to replace well #1 which went dry.

NDEP has determined that project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because the new well will be constructed on school property on land that is already disturbed adjacent to the storage house. Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by June 8, 2011 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.