STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for a new water pollution control discharge permit, NEV2004510, from the following applicant:

Virgin Valley Water District
500 Riverside Road
Mesquite, NV 89027

The applicant proposes to use finished plant effluent to backwash a granular iron media-based arsenic removal system at Virgin Valley Water District Arsenic Removal Plant #32, located approximately six (6) miles North of Mesquite, in Lincoln County, Nevada. The arsenic removal system is necessary to lower arsenic levels in the drinking water to ≤0.010 mg/L. Discharge will be to a partitioned concrete-lined sludge drying bed. The proposed permit will be issued for a period of five (5) years.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a groundwater discharge permit, subject to certain discharge limitations and special conditions.

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, no later than 5:00 P.M. on **November 25, 2011,** either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via fax or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. **November 25, 2011,** 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 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 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.

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 contacting Rob Wimer, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at rwimer@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.