



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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 renewal application for water pollution control discharge permit, NEV91004, from the following applicant:

**Pahrump Utility Company, Inc.  
5250 S. Hafen Ranch Road  
Pahrump, NV 89061**

The applicant operates the Artesia at Hafen Ranch Wastewater Reclamation Facility 1 (WWRF1) which serves the Artesia and Cottonwoods developments as well as Terrible's Casino and RV Park, and Pahrump Elementary School. The Permittee owns and operates a MAR-WOOD activated sludge package treatment plant that denitrifies and disinfects wastewater prior to disposal into ten (10) rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). WWRF1 has a current daily design flow rate of 0.6 MGD; NDEP has approved expansion plans (Phase II) that will eventually increase the daily flow to 2.6 MGD. Increased effluent flow from the planned expansion will be discharged to NDEP approved reuse sites and/or up to 26 (10 existing, 16 future) RIBs.

The Division has made the tentative determination to renew the permit 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 requests, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on November 7, 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 facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. November 7, 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 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.

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 Art Marr, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9432, or at [amarr@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:amarr@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](http://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.