



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 3/4/11

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 an application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit **NV0023388** from the following applicant:

Bureau of Land Management – BLM

US Department of the Interior

P.O. Box 3270

Sparks, Nevada 89432

The Applicant has applied for the renewal of its current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) **Permit - NV0023388**, to discharge manure and process water from its **National Wild Horse and Burro Center (NWHBC)** facility from storm events in excess of a **25-year, 24-hour storm event**. The facility is located in Warm Springs Valley, Nevada; approximately 20 miles north of Sparks. This short-term **NWHBC** holding facility is a wild horse/burro adoption preparation center and has a maximum capacity of 2,000 horses/burros. This 160-acre facility includes fenced holding pens, miscellaneous facilities and a 2-acre retention basin. All manure produced by this operation will be transferred to third parties; manure transfer requirements are defined within the proposed permit. This facility would not land apply any manure or process water, thus a Nutrients Management Plan (**NMP**) is not required. The facility is sloped to drain to a lined 70.6 acre-feet retention basin and is ditched and bermed to prevent run off. The retention basin was designed to fully contain runoff - without discharge - from a **25-year, 24-hour storm event**.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to renew permit **NV0023388** for a five (5) year period, subject to the effluent limitations as described above.

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, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on **April 8th, 2011**, either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Pollution Control

901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001

Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received

within the thirty (30) day 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. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the 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 [Alexi Lanza, P.E.](#) Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9468, or at alanza@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 foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.