



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC 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 an application to renew water pollution control discharge permit # NEV60030 from the following applicant:

United States Air Force
99th CES/CEANQ
4349 Duffer Drive Suite 1601
Nellis AFB, NV 89191-7007

The Permittee operates a 0.145 Million Gallon per Day capacity wastewater treatment plant (activated sludge), which services the Creech Air Force Base (Base), located in Indian Springs, Clark County, Nevada. Secondary treated effluent from the Base's wastewater treatment works is discharged to the groundwater in trenches. Effluent and groundwater quality at the Base are monitored and reported to the Division to ensure that State environmental standards are maintained. The plant is operated by a certified wastewater operator. By summer 2012 (estimate), upon completion of a new lift station and force main, the Base's wastewater treatment works will be decommissioned and the wastewater from the Base treated at a new municipal treatment works operated by the Clark County Water Reclamation District (# NEV50040). The Division has made the tentative determination to renew permit # NEV60030 to the United States Air Force for 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 request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on **February 21, 2012**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St, 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 calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E. Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov. The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>