



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 and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a renewal application for groundwater discharge permit **NEV99000** from the following applicant:

Desert Hills Dairy
350 Campbell Lane
Yerington, Nevada 89447

The applicant has applied for a renewal of **Permit - NEV99000**, to discharge manure and storm water from its **Desert Hills Dairy** facility from storm events in excess of a **25-year, 24-hour storm event**. The existing 320 acre dairy facility is owned and operated by the Permittee. The facility was designed and constructed to confine an approximate herd size of **15,000** head in open containment; current operational conditions show approximately **10,000 dairy cows, 1,200 dry cows and 2,500 calves**. The Permittee owns a 6,000 acre ranch; 700 of these acres are currently used for land application of nutrients produced by this operation. Nutrients shall be collected and land applied for animal feed crop production as established in the Division-approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

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 **NEV99000** for a five (5) year period, subject to the effluent limitations as described in the permit.

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 June 25th, 2012**, 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.