



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, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Permit UNEV2012203 has been applied for by the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office for a gas migration study project at the Nevada National Security Site, approximately 30 miles northeast of Beatty, Nye County, Nevada. The purpose of this project is to determine whether trace quantities of noble gases from a nuclear test can be detected in soil gas along ground fractures during an onsite inspection for treaty verification.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue this permit as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by **July 5, 2012** either in person or by mail to:

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

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication 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 days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Jason Ferrin of the

Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9502.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.