



STATE OF NEVADA

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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/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge, permit number NS2013501 from the following applicant:

ROCKWOOD LITHIUM INC.
PO BOX 98
SILVER PEAK, NV - 89047

Permit NS2013501, ROCKWOOD LITHIUM INC. SILVER PEAK OPERATIONS:

Rockwood Lithium Inc. (Rockwood), formerly Chemetall Foote Corp., is proposing to install a new 1,000 gallon septic tank at their Silver Peak Operations in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The mine site is located approximately 28 miles southwest of the town of Tonopah on mining claims held by Rockwood. The new Onsite Sewage Disposal System (OSDS) is required to manage the domestic wastewater demands of a new administrative building. Following installation, Rockwood will operate a total of eight on-site septic tank systems with a combined capacity of 25,500 gallons. This permit will authorize the discharge of OSDS treated domestic wastewater to groundwater of the State of Nevada via percolation in absorption trenches. The discharge of any toxic, hazardous, industrial or laboratory waste materials to any OSDS will be strictly prohibited. The existing septic tanks at this facility were previously operated under NDEP general permit GNEV9201-40018.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS2013501 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

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 07/29/2013, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

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 determination(s) 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 applications, proposed permits, 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 Arthur Marr III, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9432 or at amarr@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the

following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

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