



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, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit application for a new geothermal power plant project. Permit UNEV2013203 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Patua Project LLC
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200
Reno, Nevada 89521

Patua Project, LLC submitted an application for an UIC and water pollution control area permit associated with re-injection of geothermal water for purposes of a power production facility within the Patua geothermal project area located near Hazen in both Churchill and Lyon counties, Nevada. The applicant is requesting up to sixteen (16) injection wells (over multiple phases) in portions of T19N R26E Sec 6, T20N R25E Sec SE/4 SE/4 of 25; S/2 NE/4 & NE/4 NE/4 of 36, T20N R26E Sec 1; 2; 3; 4; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; -24; 27 (except Hazen town site); 28; portions south of highway of 29; 30; W/2 N/2 SE/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SE/4 of 31; W/2 E/2 NE NE, W/2 NE NE, NWNE, S/2 NE, NW, S/2 of 32, T20N R27E Sec 6, T21N R26E Sec 33; 34; 35; 36 under this permit.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. Final injection approval for this project will come after the permit is issued and submission of a completion report for each injection well has been reviewed.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities.

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 August 7, 2013 either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Attn: Russ Land
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

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, comments received, and other information will be 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 Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

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