



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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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 NS0092035 from the following applicant:

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
1100 VALLEY ROAD  
RENO, NV - 89512

### **Permit NS0092035, MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:**

Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area is operated by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) as a wildlife habitat with areas set aside for hunting and fishing. City of Yerington treated effluent is received in the wildlife management area's Cinnamon Pond. Cinnamon Pond is a 125-acre wetland habitat providing waterfowl habitat and managed duck hunting. The wildlife management area also reuses effluent from its trout hatchery. Hatchery water is sourced from five on-site production wells. The water is used in the hatchery as single-pass water in the egg hatchery and raceways. Hatchery effluent is then treated in Kuenzli Pond via natural wetland purification processes prior to discharging to the area's stocked fishing ponds. Not covered in this permit's monitoring conditions, but also intermittently supplied to the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, is non-contact, cooling pond water from the NV Energy Ft. Churchill Generating Station (permit NS0095001). Ft. Churchill supplies its cooling pond water as needed to augment the operating level in the North Pond at the wildlife management area.

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 NS0092035 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 01/05/1015 , 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 Peter Lassaline, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9569 or at [plassaline@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:plassaline@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.