



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 NS2016509 from the following applicant:

WESTERN NEVADA CATTLE FEEDERS
2105 N MERIDIAN ROAD
LOVELOCK, NV - 89419

Permit NS2016509, WESTERN NEVADA CATTLE FEEDERS:

The Permittee, Western Nevada Cattle Feeders (WNCF), has applied for a new groundwater discharge permit, NS2016509 to discharge manure and production area runoff in the event of a 25-year, 24-hour storm or chronic precipitation event. WNCF is an existing cattle feedlot located 3.7 miles north of Lovelock at 2105 North Meridian Road in Pershing County. The 5,000 head capacity feedlot has been in operation since the 1940s. Facility construction at WNCF is industry-typical pipe and cable fence, concrete feed aprons and feed bunks, feed alleys and cattle movement alleys, feed storage areas and associated storage structures, maintenance facilities, and waste management and control structures.

WNCF is defined as a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) because the facility has indicated, by application, they will confine at least 1,000 cattle for 30 days or more in a 12-month period, in an area devoid of vegetation during the normal growing season. While that capacity of the facility is 5,000 head, animal numbers fluctuate throughout the year as they are bought and sold.

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 NS2016509 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 04/05/2016 , 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 Michele Reid, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9434 or at mreid@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.