



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 NS0087046 from the following applicant:

MCGILL-RUTH CONSOLIDATED SEWER AND WATER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
29 FOURTH STREET
MCGILL, NV - 89318

Permit NS0087046, MCGILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY:

The McGill/Ruth Consolidated Sewer and Water District Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is located approximately 1.5 miles south of McGill in White Pine County. Domestic (sanitary) wastewater is treated biologically in a single lined pond that is divided in two by a curtain and this provides a dual-cell, partial mix/aerated lagoon. After primary treatment in the first cell, effluent flows through an opening in the curtain into the second cell for further treatment. Effluent from the second facultative cell is discharged to groundwater via percolation through six Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs). The facility serves approximately 1,100 residents, and is currently permitted for 25,000 gallons per day of wastewater.

During this permit cycle, McGill will decommission one of the six RIBs and convert it into a lined polishing pond for further treatment prior to disposal into the remaining RIBS. This pond will also provide redundancy should the primary pond need to be taken off-line during an emergency or maintenance.

McGill also installed two additional monitoring wells, one up-gradient (MW-1) and one down-gradient (MW-2) in the summer of 2015. The up-gradient well will be sampled to provide baseline water quality results and the down-gradient well was installed 250-feet downgradient from the RIBS so samples will provide a more accurate picture about any impact on the groundwater from disposal of treated effluent in the RIBs.

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 NS0087046 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 02/08/2016 , 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 Steve McGoff, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9429 or at smcgoff@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.