



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 NS0095017 from the following applicant:

MARS PETCARE US, INC
500 WALTHAM WAY
MCCARRAN, NV - 89434

Permit NS0095017, MARS PETCARE US, INC:

The permittee Mars Petcare US Inc., a dry pet food manufacturing facility located in McCarran, Storey County, NV requests for a permit renewal to continue to discharge disinfected, denitrified, secondary treated wastewater to groundwater of the State. The permittee proposes to continue to treat up to 5,000 gallons per day (GPD) sanitary waste and up to 20,000 GPD industrial wastewater in a single tank Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment plant. The SBR will produce effluent with 30-day average limits of 5-day biochemical oxygen demand of less than 30 mg/L, a total nitrogen concentration of less than 10 mg/L, and a total suspended solids concentration of less than 30 mg/L. The effluent from SBR is then treated with Chlorine and is expected to confirm to reuse Category C for land application. The discharge is first received by an effluent holding pond maintained at 2 feet free board. The effluent is then used for land irrigation for a total acreage of 186,570 sq ft to grow Sun Flowers, Bermuda Grass and Tall Fescue Grass. Six groundwater monitoring wells will be monitored, and under normal operating conditions of the treatment plant no further degradation of groundwater is expected at this site.

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 NS0095017 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 02/06/2017 , 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 sharada Maligireddy, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9432 or at smaligireddy@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.