

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV89012 for a discharge from:

**WINNEMUCCA FARMS, INCORPORATED
1 POTATO PLACE
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA 89446**

The Applicant currently uses biologically treated potato processing water for irrigation of crop fields or land application during winter months. The BIOLAC treatment system is approved to process up to one million gallons daily, which is authorized for discharge to irrigation fields. An 8.3 million-gallon storage reservoir is used to equilibrate discharge flows given required permit conditions. The proposed permit is for continued use of reclaimed process water for irrigation with site-specific, precautionary, and monitored conditions, and upon issuance, the permit will remain in effect for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to re-issue the permit to discharge, subject to calculated and discrete specific effluent limitations and a series of special conditions. Persons wishing to comment upon or request a hearing, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, regarding the proposed Administrative determination(s), should submit their comments or requests, in writing, to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706**

Comments or objections must be received within the 30-day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments or requests postmarked or received via facsimile or email before **5:00 PM DST on September 1, 2004** 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. Public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date. If a hearing is not held and the determination(s) 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 application, proposed permit, 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 Tamara Pelham at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434; facsimile: 775.687.4684; or email tpelham@ndep.state.nv.us. This notice and the draft fact sheet can be viewed at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.