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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC 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. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit # NEV93015 from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 7011
Carson City, NV 89702

for the

Ely Conservation Camp
Horse and Cattle Camp Road
HC 10 Box 10813
Ely, White Pine County, Nevada 89301

The Nevada Department of Corrections operates the Ely Conservation Camp (ECC), which is located approximately nineteen (19) miles southeast of the City of Ely, West of U.S. 50 in Steptoe Valley, White Pine County, Nevada. ECC is a minimum-security men's conservation camp with a population of approximately 146 inmates and twenty-two (22) staff. The ECC wastewater treatment system consists of a 10,000-gallon Jenson Precast septic tank and two Dura Crete septic tanks combined to form a 6,500-gallon volume (4,000-gallon + 2,500-gallon), acting in parallel. The 10,000-gallon tank receives flow from the laundry area only, while the combined 6,500-gallon tank receives flow from the rest of the camp. The 10,000-gallon tank flows to a 250-gallon dosing tank, and then to distribution boxes and then to leach lines for subsurface percolation to groundwaters. The 6,500-gallon combined septic tank flows to a 300-gallon dosing tank, and then to distribution boxes and then to leachlines for subsurface disposal to groundwaters. Two (2) 600-gallon grease interceptors receive flow from the kitchen prior to disposal into the 6,500-gallon system. The grease interceptors and septic tanks are pumped on a quarterly basis. The permitted (maximum) treatment capacity of this facility is 19,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

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 specific effluent limitations and monitoring requirements. 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
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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 on May 8, 2005** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations 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 determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator shall publicly notice the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, fact sheet, and proposed permit are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting James T. Hogan at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434; facsimile: 775.687.4684; or email: jhogan@ndep.nv.gov. This notice and the fact sheet can be viewed at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.