



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

September 10, 2007

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 with modifications of water pollution control discharge permit NEV00025 from the following applicant:

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

The Nevada Department of Corrections operates Southern Desert Correctional Center, Indian Springs, Clark County, Nevada. The original wastewater treatment system consisted of four unlined facultative ponds and five rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). The treatment facility is currently undergoing modifications and pond and RIB rehabilitation. Modifications include the enlarging and deepening of the treatment ponds with resultant increase treatment capacity (from 0.43 million gallons per day (MGD) to 0.78 MGD) and lining the ponds with HDPE. Treated effluent from the ponds is discharged to groundwater of the State via percolation in eleven RIBs. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) with modifications the proposed groundwater discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Based on preliminary review of Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the permit to discharge, subject to the limitations and conditions imposed. 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, closing at 5:00 P.M. on **October 11, 2007**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 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

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comments or objections received by 5:00 P.M. on October 11, 2007 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. 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 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 calling Jim Hogan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434, or by facsimile 775.687.4684, or by e-mail: 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.