



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

August 14, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The Division has received a complete application for a temporary concentrated animal feeding operation permit, TNEV2008308, from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 7000
Carson City, Nevada 89702-7000

The Applicant proposes to temporarily expand the Wild Horse Holding Facility (WHHF) corrals/pens at the Nevada State Prison Farm/Dairy, Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Carson City, from approximately 10 acres to 15 acres, allowing for a maximum boarding capacity of 1,200 horses in open confinement. The Applicant is currently permitted, NEV2001513, to hold up to 500 wild horses at the WHHF and to operate a small dairy/cattle facility. The Bureau of Land Management is conducting emergency gathers of wild horses due to drought conditions and wildfires. The temporary expansion is necessary to hold these horses until they can be relocated to adoption or permanent holding facilities.

Process wastewater from the temporary facility will flow to a 60-mil HDPE lined basin. The basin, constructed in 2004, was sized to contain the process wastewater generated by the 25-year, 24-hour storm event from a 42-acre area that includes the proposed temporary expansion. All manure generated at this facility will be transferred to other parties, therefore, a Nutrient Management Plan will not be required.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the NRS and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the temporary permit to discharge, TNEV2008308, subject to certain effluent limitations. Per NRS 445A.485, a temporary permit may be issued for a maximum of 180 days.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding the temporary permit or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within fifteen (15) days either in person or by mail to:

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Comments or objections must be received within the fifteen (15) day comment period, that begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 PM August 30, 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 contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423 or at bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice can be viewed at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

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