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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

July 15, 2008

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 a complete application for Groundwater Discharge Permit NEV2008507 from the following applicant:

Washoe County Department of Water Resources
Lemmon Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant
4930 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502-4106

The Permittee operates a 300,000-gallon per day (30-day average) wastewater treatment plant which discharges secondary treated, non-chlorinated effluent into evaporation ponds for further polishing, evaporation, and natural decay of fecal coliform bacteria. Occasionally, the facility discharges polished effluent from the ponds into the Lemmon Lake Playa, to maintain adequate evaporation pond storage capacity. Lemmon Lake is a desert playa, which has been determined to be a non-jurisdictional water under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and which provides rapid evaporation of discharged effluent. During the summer, this playa often evaporates completely due to high surface evaporation rates. The Lemmon Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant serves a customer base of 3,200 residents and several commercial (non-industrial) businesses located within Lemmon Valley in Washoe County, Nevada.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a Groundwater Discharge Permit for a five (5) year period.

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 **August 18, 2008**, 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
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. August 18, 2008 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period 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. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public 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 Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.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.

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