



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 6/4/09

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 to renew discharge permit #NEV2003516 from:

Hawthorne Army Depot, U.S. Dept Army  
1 S Maine Ave, Bldg 1  
Hawthorne, NV 89415

The applicant operates the Plasma Ordnance Demilitarization System (PODS) at Bldg 117-2, located on the Hawthorne Army Depot in Hawthorne, Mineral County. The PODS is a demilitarization facility designed to thermally decommission obsolete and outdated ordnance via a two-stage combustion process. Industrial wastewater from this facility is discharged into separate lined evaporation ponds and includes treated scrubber and cooling tower blow down streams. The cooling tower blow down is non-process contact water and reclaim of this water for on-site dust control at the depot is permitted under this permit. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) this discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

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, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on July 10, 2009, 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 St, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

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 comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day 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. 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

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by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: [mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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