



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 9/3/09

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Clean Water Act. The Division has received a complete application for renewal and modification of a biosolids composting permit, NEV97012, from the following applicant:

**Bently Family Limited Partnership
dba Bently Agrowdynamics
P.O. Box 127
Minden, Nevada 89423**

The Permittee proposes to continue to compost under Permit NEV97012 dewatered primary and secondary sludge from wastewater treatment plants in the region at Bently Agrowdynamics, 1089 Stockyard Road, Minden. The 20-acre facility is currently permitted to compost sewage sludge (biosolids) generated by the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Water Reclamation Facility (Permit NEV30009), the Douglas County Sewer Improvement District #1 (DCSID) Wastewater Treatment Facility (Permit NEV80033), and the South Tahoe (California) Public Utility District (STPUD). The Permittee has requested that this permit renewal also allow biosolids from the Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District (MGSD) Wastewater Treatment Facility (Permit NEV40027) to be composted at the facility. All biosolids will be composted to meet Class A, Exceptional Quality standards listed in the Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 40 Part 503, and the Permittee will be allowed to distribute the final product to the public. The Permittee is also authorized to beneficially use the compost onsite as a soil amendment and source of crop nutrients on agricultural land. The Permittee will be limited to compost 16,000 wet tons of biosolids annually.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the permit for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

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 October 9, 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 Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. October 9, 2009** 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

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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, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. This Notice and the Fact Sheet are available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.

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