



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the U.S. Clean Water Act. The Division has received a complete application to renew National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit NV0021598 from:

Harrah's Hotel Casino
P O Box 10
Reno NV 89520

for dewatering discharges from subgrade portions of Harrah's Hotel Casino in downtown Reno. This complex consists of several buildings on either side of N Center St, between E 2nd St and E Commercial Row. Three passive collection systems are in place, serving the South Tower, East Tower, and parking garage. The East Tower system hasn't discharged for many years due to an apparent lowering of the water table in the area. Treatment is provided because of a regional plume, consisting of chloroform and PCE in the low parts per billion range at this location. Two separate treatment systems are in place, one serving South Tower and the other the parking garage. Both systems consist of an air stripper and related appurtenances. Discharge is to the nearby Truckee River via the storm drain. The Division has made the tentative determination to renew the permit for a five year term. Comments, objections, or public hearing requests on this matter must be submitted in writing to:

Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
901 S Stewart St Ste 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

by 5:00 pm Tuesday August 25. Mail postmarked on that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason a hearing is warranted. Any public hearing would be preceded by a thirty day public notice period. If no hearing is held, and substantial changes are proposed in response to the comments received, a new public notice period would be conducted for the revised permit. Copies of the application, proposed permit, and other information on file may be obtained by contacting Robert J Saunders at the address above or at (775)687-9437 or rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov. In addition, the fact sheet and this notice are posted at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>. The office fax number is (775)687-4684.

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