



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # NV0023655 from the following applicant:

Homestretch Geothermal, LLC
15 Julian Lane
Yerington, NV 89447

Homestretch Geothermal has applied for a permit to allow for discharge of spent geothermal water from cooling ponds to the Walker River in Wabuska Valley, Lyon County. This new permit will require the applicant to meet all water quality standards for the Walker River under NAC 445A.144 and NAC 445A.167 at the edge of an approximately 2000 foot permitted mixing zone in the Walker River.

The Division requires the applicant to obtain an NPDES discharge permit. Based upon a review of the NPDES permit application, the Division has made the tentative determination to issue the NPDES 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 or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on August 3, 2009**, either in person or by mail to:

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 3, 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 will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

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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 Joseph Maez, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9431, or at jmaez@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 who may be interested in this matter.

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