



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 7/30/09

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a renewal application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program permit for an existing commercial geothermal space-heating district. The following applicant has requested through application the renewal of permit UNEV30013:

Nevada Geothermal Utility Company
4790 Caughlin Parkway, #456
Reno, Nevada 89519

The applicant operates a utility which uses geothermal water as a heat source for a residential heating district in the Warren & Manzanita Estates area of Reno, Washoe County. The application is requesting continued use of two (2) injection wells, located in SW/4 NW/4 of Section 26, T.19N., R.19E. The system has been in operation since 1983. The permit requires monitoring of injection well operations to prevent degradation to shallow, higher quality ground water.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to re-issue the UIC permit to authorize water injection activities.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by September 15, 2009 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication 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 days prior to the hearing date.

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The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russell Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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