



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 3/25/10

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of permit NEV2004521, from the following applicant:

**San Emidio Agrigate, Inc.
%Orient Farms LLC
P.O. Box 152
Gerlach, Nevada 89412**

The Permittee proposes to land apply for beneficial use Class B biosolids and to compost waste activated sludge (WAS) supplied by the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (TTSA) and the City of Eureka(California) at Orient Farms. Orient Farms is located in Pershing and Washoe Counties, 25 miles north of Gerlach on Highway 34.

The permit will limit the Permittee to accepting a combined annual maximum of 5,000 wet metric tons of biosolids and WAS. The biosolids application rate per acre shall be determined by the agronomic uptake rate of the crop to be planted in the application fields. To be eligible for land application, the biosolids must meet at least the Class B standards and pollutant concentration limits. To be defined as biosolids, and therefore eligible for land application, the WAS must be further processed. The Permittee proposes composting to meet the biosolids definition. The permit will authorize the use of this compost at Orient Farms. Off-site use of the compost will require demonstration of adequate pathogen reduction and may require additional permit(s).

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 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 May 3, 2010**, 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. May 3, 2010** 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 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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