



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. The Administrator has received permit renewal application # NEV96015 from:

NV Energy
North Valmy Generating Station
P.O. Box 10100
Reno, NV 89520

The applicant operates the North Valmy Generating Station (500 megawatts), which is located 40 miles from Winnemucca on I-80 (Stonehouse) in Humboldt County, Nevada. Plant wastewater is discharged into six, lined evaporation ponds. Cooling tower blow-down and effluent from Ponds D, E, and F is allowed for reuse on the plant grounds (dust control). The plant wastewater flow rate shall not exceed 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and currently averages 0.64 MGD. The permitted discharge outfalls and groundwater monitoring wells are reported to the Division to ensure that no adverse impact occurs from this wastewater disposal system. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed 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) calendar days of the date of the paper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on Monday, June 7, 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 St, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day 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. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the 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

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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 calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov. The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet and proposed permit conditions for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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