



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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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 Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for a renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0022888 from the following applicant:

Las Vegas Sands, Inc.
3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

The Applicant operates the Venetian Casino Resort at 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. This facility utilizes multiple dewatering systems due to the extent of the property amenities in contact with the high water table in the vicinity. Depending on property location drawn from, the dewatering systems discharge treated and untreated groundwater to the Las Vegas Wash via the Clark County storm drain system and the Flamingo Wash. The permit allows a 30-day average discharge flow rate of 0.864 million gallons per day (MGD). The flow will vary seasonally according to the regional water table level and precipitation events. Due to the presence of volatile organic compounds and petroleum hydrocarbons in the shallow groundwater, water recovered during dewatering from portions of the site must be pumped through treatment units prior to discharge. Monitoring of the discharge is conducted to ensure that surface waters are not degraded as a result of the dewatering discharges.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a renewal permit, NV0022888, to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations. The proposed permit (renewal) will tentatively be issued for a five (5) year period.

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 notice. However, the Administrator can, by this notice or with discretion, extend the comment period. All materials being submitted must be hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST, or PDT if in effect, on October 4, 2010, the close of noticed comment period, 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
ATTN: Permit # NV0022888

The request must be filed within the comment period as noticed and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received by 5:00 PM of the comment period date, as noticed herein or as extended by the Administrator, will be considered in the formulation of final determination 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 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 Sam Stegeman, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9538, or via e-mail at: sstegema@ndep.nv.gov. The Water Pollution Control office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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