



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Receipt of an Application for a Permit to Construct

State of Nevada
Division of Environmental Protection
Chemical Accident Prevention Program

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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 459, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 459, the Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, hereby gives notice concerning the receipt of an application for a PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT for a facility that will be regulated under the Chemical Accident Prevention Program for the following applicant:

Ormat Nevada, Inc.
McGinness Hills Geothermal Project
11 Miles North of Austin, NV in Lander County

This facility will be located approximately 11 miles northeast of Austin. The site is accessed from Lander County Road 121 (Grass Valley Road), roughly 10 miles northeast of Interstate Highway 50. Once in operation, the McGinness Hills Geothermal Project will be subject to the requirements of the Nevada Chemical Accident Prevention Program (CAPP) due to their use of n-pentane in the facility's binary geothermal process systems. Prior to commencing construction of the process, a permit to construct must be obtained by the facility from CAPP.

Through the permitting process, NDEP will ensure that Ormat Nevada, Inc. has:

- developed process operating procedures and trained operations personnel;
- developed programs to ensure mechanical integrity of process equipment;
- developed other programs required pursuant to CAPP, designed to minimize the potential for catastrophic accidents; and,
- fully coordinated emergency response activities with local responders and the local emergency planning committee.

The following information is available for public review:

- hazardous materials and their quantities regulated pursuant to NRS 459.380;
- consequences of hazardous materials releases;
- overview of the process and plant operating information;
- proposed emergency response plan;
- a site map indicating worst case release scenarios, potential off-site receptors and

- hazardous material transportation routes;
- a copy of the conditional use permit

Persons wishing to comment upon the application should submit their comments in writing to:

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The application may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by requesting in writing at the above address. Written comments will be received at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at the above address until **June 20, 2011**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the application.

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

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