



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web posting 3/21/11

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 a complete application for a new water pollution control discharge permit, #NEV2011506, from the following applicant:

**Las Vegas Valley Water District
1001 South Valley View Blvd., M/S 300
Las Vegas, NV 89153**

The Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) operates the Big Bend Water District water treatment facility (WTF) at 1520 Thomas Edison Drive, in Laughlin, in Clark County, Nevada. The WTF, in operation since 1983, treats drinking water for the community of Laughlin, and visitors. The WTF uses a multi-stage treatment process including ozonation, flocculation, direct filtration, and chlorination and is capable of treating up to 15 million gallons per day (MGD). The LVVWD routinely and intermittently conducts maintenance and repairs on the Facility systems, requiring discharge of daily filter back-wash, filter-to-waste, and system overflows and drains, to two on-site storage lagoons. The maximum daily discharge to the lagoons allowed under the permit will be 0.99 MGD. Approximately 62% of the discharge to the lagoons is recycled for use in the treatment process. The remaining 38% of the lagoon water evaporates or infiltrates to groundwater. Sludge is periodically removed from the lagoons to restore capacity. The proposed discharge permit is for a period of five years.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a groundwater discharge permit, subject to certain discharge limitations and special conditions.

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 or by Fax, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, by **5:00 P.M. on April 25, 2011**, either in person or by mail to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001
Carson City, NV 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. on April 25, 2011** 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.

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 thirty days 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.

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 Jeryl Gardner of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at jgardner@ndep.nv.gov, or FAX (775) 687-4684. Copies of the Fact Sheet and Public Notice may be viewed or printed from the NDEP website at <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.

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