



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit, NEV80024, from the following applicant:

Olam West Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 769
Fernley, NV 89408

The applicant proposes to use geothermal water, supplied by Ormat Technologies' Brady Power Plant, to wash-down processing equipment, and to clean and dehydrate onions at their processing facility located approximately 17 miles northeast of the City of Fernley, in Churchill County, Nevada. During their non-processing season, the facility proposes to use a reduced flow of the geothermal water to heat the facility in order to keep the building and their processing equipment from freezing. Water used to wash-down equipment and to clean onions will be discharged to any of 18 onsite infiltration basins. Non-contact process water used to operate the dehydration units and heat the facility will be discharged to an onsite pond to cool prior to discharge to an un-named ditch which empties onto an alkali flat to the southwest of the facility. Water discharged to the infiltration basins may contain small amounts of vegetable and soil particulate removed from the onions during washing. Water discharged to the alkali flat will be unaltered geothermal water. The applicant has requested a daily maximum flow rate of 2.160 million gallons per day. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue 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) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on July 22, 2011, either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. July 22, 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.

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 Art Marr, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9432, or at amarr@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.