



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit renewal application for a geothermal power plant project. Permit UNEV92209 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Presco Energy, LLC
12943 Horizon Trail
Castle Pines, Colorado 80108

Presco Energy, LLC submitted a renewal application for permit UNEV92209. The applicant plans to operate a 17 MW (gross) binary geothermal electric generation facility and geothermal wellfield within the Rye Patch Geothermal Resource Area located 30 miles north of Lovelock, Nevada. The applicant will inject geothermal fluids into injection wells located in Sections 21, 28, 33 and the west half of Sections 22, 27 and 34, T.31N., R.33E., Pershing County. Construction of the facility has been idle and no known construction date has been set for the future.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. Final injection approval for the Rye Patch project will come after the permit is issued and submission of a completion report for each well and other information which may be needed for determination.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to re-issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by **December 26, 2011** either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Attn: Jason Ferrin
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(jferrin@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication 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.

The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Jason Ferrin of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9502.

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