



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## 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 a request to renew underground injection control (UIC) permit UNEV87050 which was applied for by the following permittee:

Ormat Nevada Inc  
6225 Neil Road  
Reno, Nevada 89511

The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the permit which, in brief, are: The permittee operates a geothermal electrical power generation plant in the Brady Hot Springs Known Geothermal Resource Area. The permittee has submitted a renewal application for UIC permit UNEV87050 to continue authorize injection into a total of twelve (12) wells and discharges to basins located within Sec. 1, 2, 3, 10-15, 22-25, T.22N., R.26E., Sec. 6, 7, 18, T.22N., R.27E., Sec. 36 T.23N., R.26E., Sec. 31, T.23E., R.27E., and W½ Sec. 30, T.22N., R.27E. Churchill County, Nevada. Currently, eight (8) injection wells are in use at the project, and four other wells may be constructed, if needed. The injection zone for all wells is within the same or similar geothermal reservoir(s).

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. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to renew and 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 August 20, 2012 either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
Attn: Russ Land  
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

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 contacting Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428 or rland@ndep.nv.gov.

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