



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, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit NEV2001505 from the following applicant:

**Naniwa Energy, LLC
2000 Westchester Avenue
Purchase, NY 10577**

Naniwa Energy, LLC operates Naniwa Energy (Naniwa), a power generating facility located in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRI-Center), approximately 16 miles east of Reno in northern Storey County, Nevada. Naniwa discharges cooling tower blow-down water to a clay-lined detention pond operated by the TRI-Center General Improvement District (permit NEV2000502). Water in the detention pond may be left to evaporate or be used for dust control and/or landscape irrigation of developed areas inside the TRI-Center. Naniwa operates only during periods of high electrical demand and has had no discharge of cooling tower water during the previous four quarters (January through December 2011). Naniwa is currently permitted for a daily maximum discharge of no more than 238,000 gallons per day, and a 30-day average discharge of no more than 95,000 gallons per day. These same limits have been requested and will be retained in the renewed permit.

The Division has made the tentative determination to renew the proposed groundwater discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit renewal, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or requests, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on **May 28, 2012**, 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, Nevada 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. **May 28, 2012**, 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 hearing 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 foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.