



# 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, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The Administrator has received a complete renewal application for a water pollution control discharge permit, NEV94016, from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections  
3955 W. Russell Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89118

The Nevada Department of Corrections operates Humboldt Conservation Camp (HCC), a minimum-security men's prison camp, which is located one mile north of I-80, 10 miles southwest of Winnemucca, Nevada in Humboldt County. The HCC is designed for a population of 150 inmates. A Nevada Division of Forestry satellite office is adjacent to the facility and is connected to the HCC sewer system. Wastewater flow from the camp is settled in a 15,000 gallon septic tank, while kitchen wastewater flows into a grease interceptor prior to discharge into the septic tank. The Division has established a maximum daily flow limit of 0.032 million gallons per day (MGD) with a 30-day average flow of 0.021 MGD. From the septic tank, wastewater flows to a lift station where it is pumped into a high density polyethylene (HDPE) lined pond (70' wide by 90' long by 10' deep). The pond is operated in a three phase plug flow mode consisting of anoxic/aeration, settle and decant phases. The decanted effluent is pumped to leachfields where it percolates into the groundwaters of the State.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the NRS as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue the permit for a five (5) year period, subject to specific effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.

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, closing at **5:00 P.M. on June 11, 2012**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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 the thirty (30) day 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. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) 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 Jason Ferrin, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9502, or at [jferrin@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jferrin@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](http://www.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.