



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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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 in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The Administrator has received a complete renewal/modification application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit NV0020451 for discharge from:

**Storey County Public Works
P.O. Box 435
Virginia City, NV 89440**

The Permittee operates a 0.1 million gallons per day (MGD) wastewater treatment facility, which discharges "Class D" secondary treated, chlorinated effluent into Six Mile Canyon Creek, ½ mile east of Virginia City. During dry weather, this creek is normally dry in the lower section as effluent flow from the treatment plant only influences the upper 1.5-mile reach. Effluent discharge from the treatment plant is dissipated in the creek bed due to percolation and vegetative uptake in the riparian corridor. Fish are not found in this creek due to the ephemeral nature of the creek and local climate. The Virginia City Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) serves a customer base of 1,180 residential and commercial connections.

The Permittee has also requested approval to add effluent connections to the treatment facility and removing additional stormwater connections to the sanitary sewer collection system. The proposed changes to the system will allow permit additional treatment capacity to increase to 0.2 MGD 30-day average limit, and 0.3 MGD daily maximum limit. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2013-2016. They also requested approval to use "Category B" standards treated effluent via a truck fill station at nearby construction sites for dust control.

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 June 25, 2012**, either in person or by mail to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001
Carson City, NV 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. June 25, 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 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 Jeryl Gardner, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at jgardner@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 who may be interested in this matter.