



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 and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Administrator has received a complete application for a renewal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit #NV0023507 from the following applicant:

National Nuclear Security Administration /Nevada Site Office
(NNSA/NSO)
P.O. Box 98518
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193

The Applicant operates a groundwater dewatering system located at the NNSA/NSO North Las Vegas Facility (NLVF), 2621 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Groundwater in the vicinity has been encroaching on the NLVF since 1999, concurrent with the injection program instituted by the Las Vegas Valley Water District. Drawdown wells have been installed to address rising groundwater that could adversely affect the building foundations at the NLVF. The Applicant proposes to continue to pump groundwater from up to five (5) drawdown wells and pipe the water into a 10,000 gallon above ground retention tank. Water from the tank will be either pumped into a tanker truck to be used for dust suppression and/or landscape irrigation, or piped directly to the North Las Vegas stormdrain system, which discharges to the Las Vegas Wash.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to renew a permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions. The permit will be re-issued for a period of five (5) years.

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 11, 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 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. on June 11, 2012** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings 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 Rob Wimer, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775-687-9458, or at rwimer@ndep.nv.gov. The 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 would be interested in this matter.