



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, 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, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application for Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit UNEV2013200 from the following applicant: Washoe County Department of Water Resources, 4930 Energy Way, Reno, Nevada 89502.

The application is for the injection of water from the drinking water distribution system for purposes of aquifer recharge and remediation of nitrate in the Spanish Springs area, Washoe County, and is requesting injection into one production well (Desert Springs #4 well) located in proposed rate 150-250 gallons per minute year-round.

The applicant was issued a temporary permit UNEV2009202T on August 10, 2012 as part of a 3-year pilot project pursuant to NAC 445A.890. Monitoring will be required under the temporary permit to ensure degradation of groundwater does not occur, and to evaluate conditions and requirements for long-term injection. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize the water injection 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 September 30, 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
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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, draft permit, comments received, and other information are 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 calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.