



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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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 (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a renewal application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program permit for an existing industrial geothermal power plant. The following applicant has requested through application the renewal of permit UNEV87041:

USG Nevada, LLC  
1505 Tyrell Lane  
Boise, Idaho 83706

The applicant operates a geothermal power plant area of San Emidio Desert south of Gerlach, Washoe County. The application is requesting up to six (6) injection wells, located in Sections 8, 9, 16 & 21, T.29N., R.23E. Since 1987, water has been pumped from production wells, used for power generation, and re-injected into wells with injection zones in the same or similar geothermal reservoir. The permit requires monitoring and water sampling of injection well operations.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to re-issue the UIC permit to authorize 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 October 25, 2013 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

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, comments received, and other information will be 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 or [rland@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:rland@ndep.nv.gov).

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.