



# 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 under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge, permit number NS0010018 from the following applicant:

CITY OF TONOPAH-PUBLIC UTILITIES  
PO BOX 151  
TONOPAH, NV - 89049

### **Permit NS0010018, TONOPAH AIRPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

Tonopah Public Utilities operates the Tonopah Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant (TAWWTP), a domestic wastewater treatment system located in Nye County, approximately 7.5 miles east-southeast of the town of Tonopah. The treatment plant was originally constructed in the early 1950s and a portion of the plant was renovated in 1981. TAWWTP now consists of one Imhoff primary treatment tank, two sludge drying/emergency overflow basins, nine rapid infiltration basins, and six concrete-lined septage drying beds. Treated effluent is discharged to groundwater of the State via percolation in the rapid infiltration basins. TAWWTP is currently permitted for influent flows up to 0.095 million gallons per day (MGD); however, there are fewer than 10 service connections and influent flows to the treatment system have averaged less than 1,000 gallons per day (0.001 MGD). This facility is also permitted to receive up to 200,000 gallons per year of domestic septage. The septage is dried in the concrete-lined drying beds prior to disposal.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS0010018 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

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 02/24/2014, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 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 determination(s) 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 applications, proposed permits, 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 Arthur B. Marr III, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9432 or at [amarr@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:amarr@ndep.nv.gov). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be

viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

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