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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection, 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 is proposing to issue a new General Underground Injection Control Permit GU26RC.

The Underground Injection Control (UIC) General Permit has been drafted for public comment. The proposed general permit authorizes short term underground injection for geothermal and lithium brine resource confirmation testing. Injection activities associated with this permit will last no longer than 180 days. This permit will allow the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to provide timely coverage for discharges, which when properly managed will not adversely impact public health, water quality or the environment. Permit requirements have been established for the following two injection categories: Injection Category 1 - Geothermal facilities that operate or intend to operate Class V injection wells for the purpose of viability testing for geothermal energy development; and Injection Category 2 - Lithium brine extraction facilities that operate or intend to operate Class V injection wells for the purpose of viability testing for lithium brine extraction operations. Monitoring and reporting requirements have been established for these categories based on the type of discharge.

Based on preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue general permit GU026RC, with modifications, for a five (5) year period, subject to certain discharge limitations and special conditions.

People wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance should submit their comments or requests, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 06/22/2026, 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. Public notice of such a 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.

A public hearing on the proposed determination can be requested by the applicant, any affected State, any affected interstate agency, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region IX or any interested agency, person or group of people. 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. Any public hearing determined by the Administrator to be held must be conducted in the geographical area of the proposed discharge or any other area the Administrator determined to be appropriate. All public hearings must be conducted in accordance with NAC 445A.238.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection. Copies may be also obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Lisa Aleman, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9576 or laleman@ndep.nv.gov. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

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