



Notice of Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Action - Bureau of Water Quality Planning

Web Posting: 5/30/2024

Deadline for Comments: 7/1/2024

**Arlington Avenue Bridges Replacement
Washoe County**

**Jacobs
50 West Liberty St, Suite 205
Reno, NV 89501**

Certification Action Number NV-401-24-021

The purpose of this project is to remove and replace the two Arlington Avenue bridges that cross the Truckee River in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. The project proposes to address the deteriorating condition of the bridge structures, improve safety, and provide sufficient hydraulic capacity for the Truckee River during flood events. Additionally, the project would replace a portion of the existing whitewater park including the drop structure upstream of the north bridge. A new river access ramp would also be installed on the south side of the river to replace an existing ramp. River diversions would be implemented to avoid active construction within flowing water. Work within the Truckee River, below the ordinary high-water mark, is being scheduled during the low-flow period of the year (July 1 through October 31, 2025, potentially extending to November 30) to avoid the flood season. Additional work would occur again between July 1 and October 31, 2026, if work within the channels cannot be completed in 2025. The proposed activities will require the use of Nationwide Permit 14 (SPK-2020-00533) administered by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A 401 certification (or a waiver of certification) is required for any federal license or permit that authorizes activities that may result in any discharge into waters of the United States. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is in receipt of a complete request for certification in compliance with Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification regulations which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated in 2023, codified as 40 CFR 121.

The Administrator is evaluating whether the proposed activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements. Certification actions are valid for the duration of the federal license or permit (typically five years). Any conditions contained within the certification action become a condition of the federal license or permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the application for consideration by the Administrator in making a determination regarding the certification action should submit their comments or request a hearing in writing, emailed no later than 5:00 P.M. on 7/1/2024:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
ndep401@ndep.nv.gov

The request for a hearing 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 water quality-related comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final certification action 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.

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 Zachary Carter, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9456 or ndep401@ndep.nv.gov. The public notice 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 persons interested in this matter.