



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

Web Posting: 2/21/2025

Deadline for Comments: 3/24/2025

Halleck Bridges Replacement (SR-229; EA 74330)

Elko County

Nevada Department of Transportation

1263 South Stewart Street

Carson City, NV 89712

Certification Action Number NV-401-25-005

The purpose of this project is to replace existing Bridges B-1120 and B-1119 on State Route 229 in Halleck, Elko County, Nevada. The road crosses the Humboldt River, a perennial river, via two (2) existing bridge structures that would be replaced as part of the SR-229 Halleck Project. The channel flow capacity under the bridges has been reduced due to sediment deposition and debris accumulation. Project improvements at B-1120 would include the removal of the existing 32 ft X 101 ft bridge, which would be replaced with a 37 ft X 110 ft bridge. Project improvements at B-1119 would include the removal of the existing 32 ft X 67 ft bridge, which would be replaced with a 37 ft X 90 ft bridge. Existing bridge piers within the channel would be removed and replaced. Native material would be excavated to place geotextile, class 400 riprap bedding, and class 400 riprap armor around the bridge abutments. Native material would then be placed back over riprap abutment protection. The project proponent has requested certification for the use of Nationwide Permit 14 (Linear Transportation Projects) under Clean Water Act Section 404 administered by the 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 3/24/2025:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning
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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 foregoing notice to the attention of all persons interested in this matter.