



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 NS0020014 from the following applicant:

CITY OF ELKO WRF
1751 COLLEGE AVE
ELKO, NV - 89801

Permit NS0020014, CITY OF ELKO WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY:

The Permittee, City of Elko WRF, has applied for the renewal of Permit NS0020014 for the City of Elko Water Reclamation Facility (Elko WRF), at 1600 Sewer Treatment Plant Road, in Elko, being within Elko County, Nevada. The Permittee proposes to continue to discharge reclaimed water to groundwater of the State via export pipelines to multiple local reuse sites being the Ruby View Golf Course, the Elko County Fairgrounds, the Bruce Miller Ranch, the Miller/Young Ranch, offsite storage reservoirs, and divert construction water from a standpipe located at the Elko WRF for dust control. Treated effluent can be optionally discharged to several rapid infiltration basins (RIBs), with both the offsite reservoirs and RIBs being owned and operated by the Elko WRF. The Elko Sports Complex (ESC) also has the ability to receive reclaimed water for irrigation use, although the ESC has been utilizing potable water since 2021. The Elko WRF also receives spent geothermal water from the Elko County School District, which is discharged into a small geothermal cooling pond behind the facility, with the discharge being covered under this permit also.

The Elko WRF is located southwest of the City of Elko. The Elko WRF is owned and operated by the City of Elko for the purposes of treating domestic and commercial wastewater collected within a service area of approximately six square miles, primarily contained within Elko city limits. The Elko WRF is made up of the following plant unit processes – Headworks, Primary Clarification, Fixed Film/Activated Sludge Process, Secondary Clarification, Chlorination, Effluent Pumping, Anaerobic Sludge Digestion, along with Sludge Dewatering and Solids Handling. Under normal operating and maintenance conditions, no degradation of the groundwater of the State is anticipated.

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 NS0020014 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 should submit their comments or request, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 09/29/2025, 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.

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 persons. 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 or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Melissa Hanson, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9315 or at mhanson@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: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

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