



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 NS0091006 from the following applicant:

FRANKTOWN MEADOWS EQUESTRIAN CENTER
4200 OLD HIGHWAY 395
WASHOE VALLEY, NV - 89704

Permit NS0091006, FRANKTOWN MEADOWS EQUESTRIAN CENTER:

The Permittee, Franktown Meadows Equestrian Center (FMEC), has applied for the renewal of their groundwater discharge permit NS0091006, for their Alternating Intermittent Recirculating Reactor (AIRR) wastewater treatment system, at 4150 State Route 429, in Washoe Valley, being within Washoe County, Nevada. The Permittee proposes to discharge treated wastewater to an evaporative pond located onsite.

FMEC is a 41-acre equestrian center located in Washoe Valley, Nevada that serves to train, and board horses, along with providing various riding areas within its boundary. FMEC uses an engineered wastewater treatment system for domestic wastewater treatment as the equestrian facility location was considered impractical for a conventional septic system and leach field due to shallow groundwater occurrence. The treatment system uses a two stage rock media filter termed Alternating Intermittent Recirculating Reactor (AIRR) by Environmental Alternatives (enviroalternatives.com). The AIRR treatment system includes primary treatment (sludge removal), secondary treatment (AIRR filter media recirculation), and chlorine tablet disinfection. Treated effluent is discharged into a clay-lined holding pond for nonstructural fire protection water, e.g., hay storage area. The AIRR is an attached growth, rock media filter. The facility's wastewater flows are comprised of domestic sewage from two caretaker residences, facility restrooms, and a kitchen sink located in the horse arena facility. All discharge activities shall be conducted in accordance with FMEC's approved Operation and Maintenance Manual (O&M Manual) along with the terms and conditions of the permit.

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 NS0091006 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 11/17/2025, 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.