



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 NS2009507 from the following applicant:

BENTLY RANCH
1089 STOCKYARD ROAD
MINDEN, NV - 89423

Permit NS2009507, BENTLY RANCH MIDDLE RANCH:

Bently Middle Ranch, located at 1089 Stockyard Road in Minden, Douglas County, Nevada is authorized to receive Category C bacteriological quality reclaimed water per Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.276 from Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority (DCLTSA) NS0080033 and Minden-Gardnerville Wastewater Treatment Facility (MGWWTF) NS0040027 for irrigation of approximately 3,504 acres of crops including wheat, rye, barley, hops, and oats. Irrigation of the 3,504 acres is conducted in accordance with the Reclaimed Water Management Plan (RWMP), as approved by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC). The reclaimed water is treated to standards in pursuant to NAC 445A.2766. Secondary treated and disinfected effluent supplied by DCLTSA and MGWWTF is sent to the Bently storage reservoir and emergency take-out structure located on Stockyard Road in Douglas County; "emergency take-out structure" refers to a method for controlled emergency release of excess water to prevent the catastrophic failure of the main dam. The reclaimed water is combined in the storage reservoir, and supplemented with potable water from wells on site as needed for flood and sprinkler irrigation.

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 NS2009507 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 12/19/2025, 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 Jason Reichelt, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9468 or at jreichelt@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.