

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) under the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Carson City, Nevada, is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application from ORNI 37 LLC (Ormat), 6140 Plumas Street, Reno, NV 89519, for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) temporary permit. The applicant has requested authorization to inject into seven (7) injection wells (11-11, 14-2, 82-3, 83-3, 85-3, 87-3, and 87A-3) located in Sections 2, 3, and 11 of Township 11N and Range 33E (MDB&M), in the Gabbs Valley Ranch, Mineral County. The Administrator is notifying the public about receipt of this application from Ormat as well as the decision by NDEP to issue UIC temporary permit UNEV2013201T2024-01 for injection of geothermal fluid into the aforementioned wells, with an effective start date of June 13, 2024. This approval also includes a tracer test. Under the temporary permit, injection into the wells is limited to 15,275 gpm combined at 15 psig. The monitoring requirements of this temporary permit are designed to ensure that aquifer degradation does not occur and to determine the limitations, conditions, and requirements for injection and related monitoring/reporting activities under permit UNEV2013201.

This notice is being provided to solicit comments regarding the authorized injection pursuant to Nevada UIC and Water Pollution Control regulations. Persons wishing to comment on or object to determinations of the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or to request a public hearing should submit their comments or requests in writing or electronically through the website or listserv by July 26, 2024. Written comments must be submitted in person or by mail to:

NDEP, Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Attn: Jeffrey Kinder, P.E.
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701

If written comments regarding potential negative impacts on water quality indicate a significant degree of public concern about this permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. Public notice of a scheduled public hearing will be issued at least thirty (30) days in advance. The application, temporary permit, and other information are on file at the NDEP office; copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Jeffrey Kinder at (775) 687-9307 or jkinder@ndep.nv.gov.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of all persons whom you know might be interested in the disclosed application and permit.

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