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## UPDATE TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION ISSUED ON JANUARY 10, 2023

Due to unforeseen circumstances, NDEP is extending the public comment period for a Groundwater Discharge Permit, Permit Number GNEV96021, as described below, to February 16, 2023. The NDEP will consider all comments submitted or postmarked by February 16, 2023. Comments submitted to NDEP concerning the draft Groundwater Discharge Permit # GNEV96021 for the Nevada National Security Site prior to this announcement of the deadline extension do not need to be resubmitted as a result of this extension of the comment period. No other information in the Notice of Proposed Action below has been changed.

## 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, Permit Number GNEV96021, from the following applicant/Permittee:

United States Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Field Office P.O. Box 98518 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8518

The Permittee has applied for the renewal of groundwater discharge permit, GNEV96021, for the Nevada National Security Site located in Nye County, Nevada. The permit authorizes the Permittee to discharge into five (5) evaporation/infiltration basins from the portal of E-Tunnel located on the Nevada National Security Site.

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 GNEV96021 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 renewal issuance should submit their comments or request a hearing in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 9, 2023, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Federal Facilities 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89119

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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 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.

The application, proposed permit, 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 Christine Andres, Bureau of Federal Facilities, at (702) 668-3911 or at <u>candres@ndep.nv.gov</u>. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <u>https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/public-notices</u>.

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