

STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION Bureau of Air Pollution Control Web posting date 2/3/09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Administrator received an application to issue an operating permit for a Class I facility from the following applicant:

Sierra Pacific Power Company d.b.a NV Energy North Valmy Generating Station 6100 Neil Road, P.O. Box 10100 Reno, Nevada 89520-0400

The project is located located approximately 4 miles north of US Interstate Highway 80 between Winnemucca, Nevada and Battle Mountain, Nevada in Humboldt County, Nevada in hydrographic basin 64. The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the operating permit that, in brief, are the following:

- X Two Steam Generating Boilers;
- X Coal Handling System;
- X Water Treatment System;
- X Fly Ash Handling System;
- X Lime Scrubber System;
- X Cooling Tower;
- X Fuel Oil Storage Tank;
- X Auxiliary Boiler
- X Emergency Fire Pumps

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act the Administrator is hereby announcing his intent to issue a Class I air quality operating permit based on a review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft operating permit is available for public inspection at:

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Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls should submit their comments or request in writing either in person or by mail or fax within thirty (**30**) days to:

Francisco Vega Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Pollution Control 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249 (775) 687-9343 (775) 687-6396 FAX

The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by requesting in writing at the above address. Written comments or objections, will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until March 13, 2009, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Class I operating permit. Upon a valid written request received prior to the end of the comment period, the Administrator will schedule a public hearing on the application and proposed action.

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