



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **Public Notice**

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a finding of no significant impact for the Beatty Water and Sanitation District water project. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: Arsenic Treatment

Project No.: No. 5 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Beatty Water and Sewer District

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$2.9 million

The Beatty water system is located in Nye County at the junction where U.S. Highway 95 continues south into Clark County and U.S. Highway 374 heads to Death Valley. The water system serves the town of Beatty and the ghost town of Rhyolite. The water supply for Beatty exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The proposed project includes the design and installation of a water treatment plant and associated pipeline to connect the existing wells to the treatment plant. The proposed treatment plant will be located at the Lake Street well site on property currently owned by the Mutual Water Company. Water from the Deodar, Idaho and Ft. Churchill wells will be piped to the treatment plant.

The project is eligible for a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment since the proposed water treatment facility will be located at the site of the current booster station which is already disturbed. This site is remote, flat and desert-like. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by June 12, 2009 to:

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