FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

From:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 901 South Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249 (775) 687-9431

As required by NAC 445.42116 through NAC 445.42128, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed project listed below:

Location:	Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada
Location.	
	Latitude 37° 21' 27" W Longitude 115° 10' 15" W
Project Numbers:	CS32-0943s

This project covers the construction of four HDPE lined treatment ponds to serve the municipal wastewater treatment needs for the Town of Alamo in Lincoln County. The existing treatment ponds are undersized and do not have a suitable liner system that is protective of groundwater. This project will provide an environmental benefit by greatly reducing the seepage of wastewater at the current ponds and improving the level of wastewater treatment. Additional benefit may be incurred by the disposal of the treated effluent for irrigation of agricultural fields instead of the present practice of disposal into rapid infiltration basins.

This project is being funded by the federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Specific activities to construct this proposed project that may constitute an environmental disturbance include excavation for pond shaping and lining. Trench excavation within a secured easement may also be a temporary land disturbance if an effluent transmission line is constructed. Most of the disturbance will be inside of the footprint of the existing wastewater treatment pond.

The Division's environmental review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts from this project construction. Therefore, a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) is the preliminary determination made by the Division. Information supporting this decision is available for public review at the office of the Division listed above.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted to the Division at the address listed above for the attention of Joseph Maez, P.E. or by email at jmaez@ndep.nv.gov After evaluating all comments received, the Division will make a final decision on whether to issue this FONSI ruling. The deadline for comment to the Division on this project is set for **June 30, 2009**.