FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

From:

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

Project: Town of Jackpot Wastewater Treatment Pond Upgrades

Location: Just East of the Jackpot Airport

Latitude: 41° 59' N Longitude: 114° 40' W

Project Number: CS32-0917s

This project covers the construction of a mechanical headworks' facility and an advanced integrated pond system (AIPS) to replace the existing wastewater treatment ponds for the Town of Jackpot in northern Elko County. This project will provide a public health benefit by eliminating the seepage of wastewater from a soil lined treatment pond system and by providing for an improved level of effluent treatment. The AIPS will reduce the level of nitrates in the effluent that is now being discharged to rapid infiltration basins and is a source of public health impacts due to its contamination of the shallow groundwater in the region.

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 grading at the construction sites and trench excavation. The majority of this disturbance will be in areas within the footprint of the present wastewater treatment pond system, so minimal new ground will be disturbed.

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 27, 2009**.