

STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the U.S. Clean Water Act. The Division has received a complete application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit NV0023621 from:

Echelon Resorts 3930 Howard Hughes Pkwy 5th Floor Las Vegas NV 89169

The Echelon hotel casino project site at 3000 S Las Vegas Blvd (NW corner of intersection with E Desert Inn Rd) has been undergoing construction dewatering since June 2007. The hotel towers, podium, and parking structure will all be served with a passive underslab collection system to remove groundwater that impinges upon the structures, and a few of the dewatering wells will be kept in place as well. This discharge, which is untreated based on a lack of contamination, reaches Flamingo Wash via the storm drain system. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue the permit for a five year term. Comments, objections, or public hearing requests on this matter must be submitted in writing to:

Bureau of Water Pollution Control Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 901 S Stewart St Ste 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

by 5:00 pm Monday March 23, 2009. Mail postmarked on that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Any public hearing would be preceded by a thirty day public notice period. If no hearing is held, and substantial changes are proposed in response to the comments received, a new public notice period would be conducted for the revised permit. Copies of the application, proposed permit, and other information on file may be obtained by contacting Robert J. Saunders at the address above or at (775)687-9437 or rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov. In addition, the fact sheet and this notice are posted at http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm. The office fax number is (775)687-4684.