

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION Web posting 5/11/09

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a renewal application for Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for an existing geothermal power plant project. Permit UNEV87063 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Terra-Gen Dixie Valley, LLC 9590 Prototype Court, Suite 200 Reno, Nevada 89521

The applicant has submitted a renewal / modification application for existing UIC permit UNEV87063 associated with re-injection of geothermal water for purposes of a power production facility in the Dixie Valley Geothermal Resource Area at the north end of Dixie Valley, Churchill County. The application is requesting an increase of up to sixteen (16) injection wells (from ten) located in Sections SE/4 of 1, 12, 13, and N/2 of 24, T.24N., R.36E.; Sections NE/4 & W/2 of 4, 5, SW/4 & E/2 of 6, 7, 8, W/2 of 17, 18, and N/2 of 19, T.24N., R.37E.; Sections S/2 of 28, E/2 & W/4 of 32 and 33, T.25N., R.37E., M.D.B&M. Limited surface discharges will continue to be authorized under the renewed permit.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by <u>June 15</u>, <u>2009</u> either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant

degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

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