

## ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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: Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District Cogeneration Project

Location: 1790 Highway 395, Minden

Latitude: 38° 57' 55" N

Longitude: 119° 46' 50" W

Project Number: **CS32-0925s**

This project covers the construction of a grease receiving station and cogenerating power unit at the Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District WWTP in Minden. This green energy project will allow the facility to produce its own electricity to meet its power needs at the plant. Grease from area restaurants will be delivered to a processing station as a fuel source to the plants existing anaerobic sludge digesters. The gas generated from this biological decomposition process will be used to generate electricity with a new natural gas powered digester. This project will reduce the quantity of grease that is presently being wasted at area landfills and provides a green energy fuel source.

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

There are no specific activities to construct this proposed project that would constitute an environmental disturbance outside of the existing footprint of the wastewater treatment facility. Therefore, the Division's environmental review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts from this project construction. Therefore, a determination for a Categorical Exclusion is being publically noticed for 30 days. 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](mailto: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 **September 15, 2009**.