

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: City of Ely Wastewater Treatment Pond Upgrades

Location: City of Ely, White Pine County, Nevada

Latitude 38° 52' 02" W

Longitude 117° 56' 28" W

Project Numbers: **CS32-0963s**

This project covers the construction of two HDPE lined treatment ponds to serve the municipal wastewater treatment needs for the City of Ely. The existing treatment ponds are undersized and do not have a suitable liner 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. These ponds will also be used for emergency storage of sludge from the treatment plant.

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. All of this 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 **October 15, 2009**.