



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

Categorical Exclusion DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP has determined that the project described below is eligible for Categorical Exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: Arsenic Mitigation

Project No.: No. 3 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Carson City

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$3.4 million

Carson City has developed an Arsenic Compliance Implementation Plan to achieve compliance with the drinking water standard for arsenic. The proposed ARRA project is part of the plan. The ARRA project includes the following three components: upgrade well #24, upgrade well #4 and upsize the East Fifth Street transmission main. The two well upgrades will increase the pumping capacity of the wells. The East Fifth Street transmission main will enhance blending capabilities for arsenic and eventually uranium with the westward continuation of this pipeline.

The project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. Upgrading of the wells is conducted within the existing well facilities and the pipeline component is upsizing of an existing pipeline. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by January 15, 2010 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.