



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, NV0023027, from the following applicant:

Rockview Farms, Inc.
7011 Stewart & Gray Road
Downey, CA 90241-4347

The Permittee proposes to continue to operate Ponderosa Dairy, located at G Ranch and Mecca Roads in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada 89020 with discharge to waters of the State. The proposed permit will increase the permitted flow from 0.625 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.000 MGD. With over 9,000 cows, the facility is defined as a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO). As a CAFO, the facility is required to contain all manure and process wastewater from the production area except overflow resulting from a storm greater than the 25-year, 24-hour event. The land application of manure and process wastewater must be in compliance with a Division approved nutrient management plan. The receiving waters are groundwater via percolation of irrigation flows and the Amargosa River via stormwater overflow.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NV0023027 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the NAC, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 12, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or

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objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) 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 (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423 or at bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.