

BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

In Re:

Appeal of Medical Waste Treatment Facility
Permit No. SW1900REV00
MediWaste Disposal LLC

SHARON CRUISE'S RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR REVERSAL OF THE PERMIT ISSUANCE

Appellant Sharon Cruise respectfully submits this Response to MediWaste Disposal LLC's Permit Issuance and requests the State Environmental Commission to reverse the permit issuance.

Based on NRS 459.565 I find the decision of NDEP to issue 20260831.MediWaste.Notice of Permit Issuance in direct violation of their responsibility to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the residents of Pahrump, Nevada.

In summary, the appellant Sharon Cruise stipulates the grounds for the appeal regarding Medical Waste Treatment Facility permit SW1900REV00 for the MediWaste project issued by NDEP's Bureau of Sustainable Materials Management are:

1. The final decision was arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion.
2. NDEP's decision was not supported by the administrative mission or goals existing at the time the permit was issued.

Allowing MediWaste Disposal LLC to operate in Pahrump would be an eminent threat of contamination to Basin 162, the only source of water for Pahrump residents. Such an Allowance would be in direct contradiction to the mission and goals of NDEP.

Based on the following statements found on the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website, the NDEP mission is to preserve and enhance the environment of the state in order to protect public health. Specifically, as stated, to Source Water Protection is an effort to prevent contaminants from entering public drinking water sources.

Additionally, the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water administers the Integrated Source Water Protection Program to encourage Nevada's communities to develop and implement local plans that address preventable contamination of public drinking water wells and springs. Allowing multiple fifty-three-foot tractor trailers to travel daily from California with toxic medical waste throughout the most populated community in Nye County is not being preventative. It is a hazard waiting to happen. A hazard that the Pahrump Fire Department is not equipped to handle. By the time other State and Federal agencies are notified and respond, airborne pathogens will have already spread. Basin 162 will have already been contaminated with untreated liquid biohazards, and chemical solvents resulting in the permanent corruption of our entire water infrastructure.

Note: The following backup information was extracted from the NDEP Website

About NDEP

Our mission to preserve and enhance the environment of the state in order to protect public health, sustain healthy ecosystems, and contribute to a vibrant economy.

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NDCNR) is one of Nevada's larger and more multifaceted State agencies, with over 900 employees dedicated to protecting, managing, and enhancing Nevada's natural, cultural, and recreational resources. As part of its mission, NDCNR engages with a broad range of stakeholders to address Nevada's many challenges and opportunities head-on, including clean air and water, climate change, wildfire, forest health, drought,

sustainable and equitable outdoor recreation, land management, responsible hard rock and critical minerals mining, sagebrush habitat protection, historic resource preservation, and much more. NDCNR consists of 12 divisions and pillar programs that are collectively focused on putting science into action to advance a healthy, sustainable, vibrant future for the benefit of all Nevadans and visitors for generations to come. Learn more about our divisions and programs by visiting their websites below.

Access to clean water is essential to human health and to Nevada's economy. We support and implement measures to conserve this valuable resource and ensure clean lakes, streams, rivers and drinking water is available to the citizens of Nevada.

Source Water Protection

Source water is untreated water from streams, rivers, lakes, springs, or underground aquifers, which is used to supply public drinking water and private wells.

Source Water Protection is an effort to prevent contaminants from entering public drinking water sources. The Source Water Protection Program is administered through the [Bureau of Safe Drinking Water](#) at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

The program coordinates source water protection activities at the local, state, and federal levels, and encourages community-based protection and preventive management strategies to ensure all public drinking water resources are kept safe from future contamination.

Source Water Protection is built upon [Source Water Assessments](#) conducted by NDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water for all public drinking water sources in Nevada as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments of 1996, the [Integrated Source Water Protection Program](#) (formerly Wellhead Protection Program) also within the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, and other data and tools available at NDEP.

Three Primary Parts to Nevada's Source Water Protection Program

1. Protection of Groundwater Sources
2. Protection of Surface Water Intakes
3. Coordination With Existing Protection Programs

Protection of Ground Water Sources

Ground water sources are public water supply wells and springs. The Bureau of Safe Drinking Water administers the [Integrated Source Water Protection Program](#) and coordinates closely with other related federal, state, and local programs to encourage Nevada's communities to develop and implement local plans that address preventable contamination of public drinking water wells and springs.

Strategic Plan 2016-20 Division of Environmental Protection Department of Conservation and Natural Resources State of Nevada

Statutory Authority: NRS 232.136, 444, 444A, 445A, 445B, 445C, 445D, 459, 486A, 519A, and 704

Summary of Agency Goals

The following goals, with emphasis on those in bold, represent the core functions of the Division of Environmental Protection:

GOAL 1. Clean Air Achieve and maintain levels of air quality that will protect human Health and preserve the scenic, historical, and aesthetic treasures of the state.

GOAL 2. Clean Water. Protect the waters of the state from the discharge of pollutants and contaminants to protect groundwater, preserve beneficial uses of surface water and maintain healthy aquatic habitat.

GOAL 3. Safe Drinking Water. Protect the health of the citizens and visitors of Nevada by ensuring that public water systems provide safe and reliable drinking water.

GOAL 4. Safe and Sustainable Materials Management. Ensure safe management of Solid and hazardous waste; promote waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.

GOAL 5. Environmentally Responsible Mining. Ensure Nevada's mining industry complies with State regulatory programs for the protection of surface and groundwater resources, general pollution control, and reclamation of disturbed lands.

GOAL 6. Effective Oversight of Federal Facilities. Provide regulatory oversight of environmental remediation and hazardous waste management activities, low level and mixed low level radioactive waste disposal, and other programs conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at its Nevada facilities.

GOAL 7. Prevention of Petroleum Releases and Restoration of Contaminated Sites. Regulate underground fuel storage tanks to prevent releases of petroleum products to the environment. Assess and, if necessary, clean up contaminated properties to levels appropriate for their intended land use and zoning.

GOAL 8. Minimize the Risk of Chemical Accidents. Provide effective regulatory oversight of activities involving the handling of highly hazardous substances to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and the environmental by minimizing the risk of chemical accidents.

GOAL 9. Low Cost Financing of Needed Environmental Infrastructure. Provide low cost financing of improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure that is needed to achieve compliance with applicable environmental standards.

GOAL 10. Efficient and Effective Administration. Ensure effective implementation of the Division's environmental programs and manage Division operations as efficiently as possible, continuously looking for opportunities to improve business processes.

GOAL 11. Transparency. Inform the public about environmental issues of concern, involve citizens in decision-making processes and make information accessible.

REQUESTED RELIEF:

Appellant respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Accept this Response as timely under NAC 445B.8915(2)
2. Reverse the permit issuance

DATED this 23rd day of September 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Cruise
Appellant, Pro Se

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 23, 2026, I transmitted by electronic mail a true and correct copy of Appellant Sharon Cruise's Response to Petition for the Permit Issuance and Motion to Reverse the Decision, Evidence, and Argument to:

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The Response and Motion was transmitted to Ms. Fontaine in accordance with her instructions that it could be submitted to her by email for distribution to the appropriate parties. Dated: September 21, 2026