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Environmental Compliance Engineer  
Q&D Construction, LLC.  
1050 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89431

RE: Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation No. 3080 (as amended)  
Class II Air Quality Operating Permit AP1442-4253 (FIN A2198)

Dear Mr. Mannens:

On April 24, 2024, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) issued the draft Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV) No. 3080 (as amended) to Q&D Construction, LLC. (Q&D) via certified mail. See attachment.

Upon formal issuance of the NOAV, NDEP notified Q&D of its appeal rights pursuant to NRS 445B.340 and NRS 445B.360. Q&D did not appeal the NOAV. Therefore, the State Environmental Commission (SEC) will determine the appropriate penalty for the violation contained in the above referenced NOAV on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Richard H. Bryan Building, Bonnie B. Bryan Conference Room (first floor) located at 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City.** The meeting will also be video-conferenced to the Red Rock Conference room located at the NDEP offices 375 East Warm Springs Blvd., Las Vegas. It will also be held virtually. To join remotely, please use the link on the [SEC website](#) or telephone into the meeting at 1(877) 321-6111, ID 447 740 946#.

Pursuant to NRS 445B.640(1) the SEC may approve an administrative penalty of not more than \$10,000 per day per violation. During the June 18, 2024, meeting, NDEP will provide the SEC with a brief overview of the NOAV and the recommendation for an administrative penalty of \$30,000.00 for NOAV 3080. This recommended penalty was calculated using a penalty matrix previously approved by the SEC.

Although your presence is not required at this meeting, you or a representative may wish to attend to speak on behalf of Q&D.

The SEC may, without further notice, take administrative action against Q&D if the SEC determines that such administrative action is warranted after it considers NOAV No. 3080.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me at (775) 687-9374.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Fontaine  
Executive Secretary

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Jeff Kinder, Deputy Administrator  
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April 24, 2024

Matt Mannens  
Environmental Compliance Engineer  
Q & D Construction, LLC  
1050 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, Nevada 89431

**RE: Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation 3080 Amended - Class II Air Quality  
Operating Permit (AQOP) AP1442-4253 (FIN A2198)**

Dear Matt Mannens:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) alleges Q&D Construction, LLC (Q&D) has violated one or more conditions of their Class II Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) AP1442-4253.

Previously, on April 16, 2024, Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation (NOAV) and Order Nos. 3079, 3080, 3081, 3085, and 3086 were issued. On April 23, 2024, the Division received additional information from Q&D leading to an amendment of NOAV No. 3080. NOAV Nos. 3079, 3081, 3085, and 3086 are still accurate as previously issued.

Based on the information provided during the enforcement conference, the Division has determined that the issuance of Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation (NOAV) 3080 Amended is warranted.

In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, NOAV No. 3080 constitutes a major violation. For major violations not issued as Warnings, the Division makes penalty recommendations to the Nevada State Environmental Commission (Commission), and the Commission assesses the penalties. Based on the factors considered in the penalty matrix and penalty calculation worksheet, as established with the Commission, the division has calculated a recommended penalty of **\$30,000.00** for NOAV No. 3080.

The date for the next Commission hearing for penalties has been set for June 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Before the hearing for the penalties, the Commission will notify you of the final date and time of the hearing and provide information about how you can participate if you want.

Appeal of the amended NOAV No. 3080 may be requested pursuant to **Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445B.360 Appeals to Commission: Appealable matters; action by Commission; regulations** and Commission administrative rules. A copy of the Commission's Appeal Form #3 is enclosed. Appeals must be received within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice, pursuant to **NRS 445B.340 Appeals to Commission: Notice of appeal**. A copy of the Commission's Appeal Form #3 is enclosed and can also be found on the Commission's website at: <https://sec.nv.gov/participate/forms-and-documents/>. Appeals are processed through Sheryl Fontaine, the Executive Secretary for the Commission, at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001,

Carson City, Nevada, 89701-5249. Ms. Fontaine can be reached at (775) 687-9374, or by email at [sfontaine@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:sfontaine@ndep.nv.gov). Please provide me with a copy of any correspondence your company may have with the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding the NOAV or the fine, please contact me at (775) 687-9392 or by email at [m.grover@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:m.grover@ndep.nv.gov).

Sincerely,



Michelle Grover,  
Supervisor, Enforcement Branch  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

enc.: Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation (NOAV) No. 3080 Amended  
SEC Appeal Form #3

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STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING  
901 SOUTH STEWART ST., SUITE 4001  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701-5249

**NOTICE OF ALLEGED AIR QUALITY VIOLATION NO. 3080 Amended**

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**Person(s) to Whom Served:** Matt Mannens, Environmental Compliance Engineer  
**Company Name:** Q & D Construction, LLC  
**Address:** 1050 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, NV 89431  
**Permit Number:** AP1442-4253 **FIN:** A2198  
**Site of Alleged Violation:** Maggie Creek Ranch Pit near Elko, NV  
**Date of Observation:** August 1, 2023

**It is alleged that the following regulation was violated by the person named in this notice:**

Failure to construct or operate a stationary source in accordance with any condition of an operating permit;

**Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.275 Violations: Acts constituting; notice.**

*1. Failure to comply with any requirement of NAC 445B.001 to 445B.3689, inclusive, any applicable requirement or any condition of an operating permit constitutes a violation. As required by NRS 445B.450, the Director shall issue a written notice of an alleged violation to any owner or operator for any violation, including, but not limited to:*

*(c) Failure to construct or operate a stationary source in accordance with any condition of an operating permit;*

**It is alleged that the following act or practice constitutes the violation:**

Failure to modify existing permit to include additional emission units that were not listed in the original Air Quality Operating Permit.

**Evidence:**

Q & D Construction, Inc. (Q & D) currently holds a Class II Air Quality Operating Permit (AQOP) to operate an aggregate crushing screening, HMA plant, under the requirements of AP1442-4253, last issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) on March 21, 2024.

Division staff conducted an on-site inspection of the facility on August 1, 2023. During the inspection, Division staff found unpermitted equipment in operation.

On October 16, 2023, the Division held an enforcement conference with Q&D to determine whether issuance of Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation (NOAV) No. 3080 was or was not warranted. During the enforcement conference, Q & D did supply evidence after the enforcement conference that some of the unpermitted equipment was temporary and in use for less than a year. However, an asphalt plant screen (1) and one (1) blower motor were not permitted. The Division has subsequently determined that issuance of NOAV No. 3080 is warranted.

Based on the factors considered in the penalty matrix and penalty calculation worksheet, as established with the Nevada State Environmental Commission, the Division has calculated a recommended penalty of \$30,000.00 for NOAV No. 3080.

# NOAV NO. 3080 Amended

In accordance with **NAC 445B.281 Violations: Classification; administrative fines**, the alleged violation constitutes a major violation and Q&D has had no previous air quality violation within the last 60 months.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by: Andrew Tucker  
Chief  
Bureau of Air Quality Planning

Phone: 775-687-9340 Date: Apr 24, 2024

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