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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/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge, permit number NS2020502 from the following applicant:

TESLA  
1 ELECTRIC AVE  
SPARKS, NV - 89437

### **Permit NS2020502, TESLA GIGAFACTORY NEVADA:**

The Permittee, Tesla, Inc., has applied for a new groundwater discharge permit, NS2020502, for their facility located at 1 Electric Avenue in Sparks, Storey County, Nevada. The Permittee proposes to use reclaimed water from Tahoe Reno Industrial General Improvement District's (TRI-GID's) wastewater treatment facility as cooling water in their outdoor evaporative cooling system.

The Permittee proposes to further treat the reclaimed water to meet quality demands required by Tesla processes via an onsite advanced water treatment (AWT) system which will generally consist of ultrafiltration, ultra-violet light, and chemical softening. After treatment through the AWT system, the reclaimed water will be used for cooling water in their evaporative cooling system. Residual cooling waters may be discharged from the cooling towers during the winter and from the chiller units during the rest of the year. Discharged non-contact cooling water can be used for onsite irrigation and dust suppression. The Permittee also proposes to discharge reverse osmosis (R.O.) reject water.

### **(MAJOR MODIFICATION EFFECTIVE JULY 2026)**

Outfalls MIL and SEM have been added to this permit.

Outfall MIL: This outfall is for the use of reclaimed water as cooling water within an outdoor closed-loop cooling system and as process water to support manufacturing activities at 385 Milan Drive.

Outfall SEM: This outfall is for the use of reclaimed water as process and cooling water within an outdoor closed-loop cooling system at 1 Semi Drive.

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 NS2020502 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 should submit their comments or request, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 06/05/2026, 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, NV 89701

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 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.

A public hearing on the proposed determination can be requested by the applicant, any affected State, any affected interstate agency, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region IX or any interested agency, person or group of persons. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason why a hearing is warranted. Any public hearing determined by the Administrator to be held must be conducted in the geographical area of the proposed discharge or any other area the Administrator determined to be appropriate. All public hearings must be conducted in accordance with NAC 445A.238.

The applications, proposed permits, 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 Aaron Park, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9427 or at [apark@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:apark@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: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.