



Notice of Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Action - Bureau of Water Quality Planning

Web Posting: 10/10/2025

Deadline for Comments: 11/10/2025

**Purple Sage Energy Center Wash Crossing
Clark County**

**SWCA Environmental Consultants
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Tucson, AZ 85745**

Certification Action Number NV-401-25-022

The purpose of this project is to construct a co-located at-grade road crossing and a utility line crossing of an ephemeral interstate water associated with the Purple Sage Energy Center Project. A 20-foot-wide at-grade access road causeway would be constructed including concrete wing walls for erosion protection and underground collector lines on both sides of the road. The total disturbance width would be 50 feet, with 20 feet for the road and wing walls and 15 feet on either side of the road for temporary construction access and installation of the collector lines. Excavation would occur to a depth of one foot for the road which would be constructed using six inches of aggregate base surfaced with six inches of rock. Trenching construction techniques would be used for the collector line installations and the trenches would be six feet deep. Ground surface above the installations would be restored to original contours following construction. The construction of the access road water feature causeway would occur entirely "in the dry" to prevent erosion/sedimentation and impacts to surface water quality. The project proponent has requested certification for the use of Nationwide Permit 14 (Linear Transportation Projects) and Nationwide Permit 57 (Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities) administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A 401 certification (or a waiver of certification) is required for any federal license or permit that authorizes activities that may result in any discharge into waters of the United States. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is in receipt of a complete request for certification in compliance with Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification regulations which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated in 2023, codified as 40 CFR 121.

The Administrator is evaluating whether the proposed activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements. Certification actions are valid for the duration of the federal license or permit (typically five years). Any conditions contained within the certification action become a condition of the federal license or permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the application for consideration by the Administrator in making a determination regarding the certification action should submit their comments or request a hearing in writing, emailed no later than 5:00 P.M. on 11/10/2025:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning
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Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
ndep401@ndep.nv.gov

The request for a hearing 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 water quality-related comments or objections received within the

thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final certification action 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.

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 Zachary Carter, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9456 or ndep401@ndep.nv.gov. The public notice for this project can be viewed at the following website: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons interested in this matter.