

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
AND THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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ORDER

Robert L. Helms
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Double Diamond Ranch
Limited Partnership
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NRS 445.221 provides that, "Except as authorized by a permit issued by the Department under the provisions of NRS 445.131 to 445.354 inclusive and regulations promulgated under such sections by the Commission, it is unlawful for any person to discharge from any point source any pollutant into any waters of the State".

The offices of the State Engineer and the Division of Environmental Protection have determined through investigation that the parties named above, during the period of July through September 1989, constructed or caused to be constructed drainage ditches on the Double Diamond Ranch for the purpose of removing water that lies beneath the surface of said ranch. On September 15, 1989, the Robert L. Helms Construction and Development Corporation made application to the Division of Environmental Protection for a permit to discharge the contents of these drainage ditches to Steamboat Creek. The information provided to the Division of Environmental Protection to support this application is insufficient at this time for a final determination. Recent field observations by both the State Engineer and the Division of Environmental Protection reveal that the drainage ditches constructed on the Double Diamond Ranch are not capable of fully containing water without discharging to Steamboat Creek. The State Engineer has approved construction of an impoundment facility, pursuant to NRS Chapter 535, which is designed to contain the subject water entirely within the property of the Double Diamond Ranch Limited Partnership.

On the basis of this information, it is hereby ordered, pursuant to NRS 445.221, that the parties listed above take immediate steps to provide measures or facilities consistent with Nevada Revised Statutes to contain all water collected from the Double Diamond Ranch in the subject ditches and to prevent any discharge to Steamboat Creek.


Peter G. Morros
State Engineer


Lew Dodgion, Administrator
Division of Environmental Protection

Dated at Carson City, Nevada,
this 22nd day of JANUARY, 1990.