

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 77799  
FILED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
ON JANUARY 20, 2009, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF UNDERGROUND SOURCE

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Comes now Turner Lincoln Ranch, LLC  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 142, Mesquite, Nevada 89024  
whose occupation is Farming and ranching in Panaca Valley and protests the granting  
of Application Number 77799 filed on January 20, 2009  
by U.S. Department of Energy to appropriate the  
waters of Underground situated in Lincoln  
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Panaca Valley is over appropriated above the currently recognized perennial yield established in USGS reconnaissance report 27 with total permitted rights currently exceeding 31,000 acre-feet annually. The additional cumulative volume in the amount of 3,546 acre-feet filed by the Department of Energy (DOE) is detrimental to existing permitted and certificated rights. The additional appropriation by DOE may cause significantly lowering of the water table associated with current points of diversions completed in the Quaternary sediments and the Tertiary Panaca Formation within the Panaca Valley hydrographic basin, Basin 203. DOE has conducted no investigation indicating there is water available for appropriation that would not adversely effect the current permit holders in the Panaca Valley. Project as defined by the DOE for the storage of nuclear in Nevada is not in the public interest.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be  
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

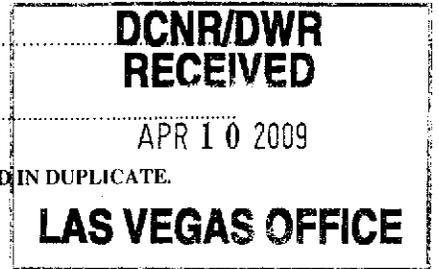
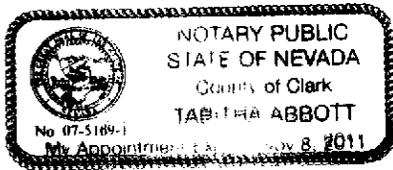
Signed [Signature] Agent or protestant  
Craig D. Hafen  
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address P.O. Box 142  
Mesquite, Nevada, 89024

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 2009

[Signature] Notary Public

State of Nevada  
County of Clark



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