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Mr. Michael Jewel
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Dear Mr. Jewel,

After reviewing the Public Notice issued 9/19/13 and the draft **Regional General Permit (RGP) 6** which authorizes *discharges of dredged or fill material associated with National Park Service land management activities within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area*, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) **grants** 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the 27 activities listed as routine maintenance in the draft RGP.

NDEP **will require** the National Park Service to submit a 401 Water Quality Certification to NDEP, Bureau of Water Quality Planning prior to commencing project activities requiring pre-notification to the Army Corps as identified in the RGP:

1. Extending launch ramps
2. Installation of temporary launch ramps
3. Reconfiguration of existing breakwaters or addition of new breakwaters up to 1 acre of fill
4. Re-configuring bars and outcrops as water level changes
5. Grading harbor bottoms to move marina facilities as water level changes
6. Extension of existing gravel roads to the lakeshore as water recedes
7. Adjustment or movement of marina positions into open water which involves facility expansion of any kind up to 1 acre of impact
8. Culvert replacements in ephemeral washes that exceed original footprint of existing structure
9. Realignment of stream channels or washes

The above listed projects will be reviewed on a case by case basis and will either receive a 401 or a waiver.

The discharge of any pollutant into Lake Mead, the Colorado River or any associated tributaries within the National Recreational Area boundaries in Nevada, that cause exceedance of a water quality standard is prohibited. **Appropriate BMPs must be implemented to prevent erosion, control sediment and protect water quality.** If straw bales are selected as BMPs they should be certified as weed free.

This Section 401 Water Quality Certification is **subject to the acquisition** of all necessary local, regional, state and federal permits and approvals as required by law. Failure to meet any conditions of this 401 Water Quality Certification, a Temporary Authorization Permit (Construction/Dewatering Permit), any other permit required by NDEP or any violation of NAC 445A may result in the revocation of this 401 Water Quality Certification.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at jstone@ndep.nv.gov or at 775-687-9456.

Sincerely yours,

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