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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Recon Mine Project, a mine and crushing facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2004105 is:

Recon Mining Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 21120
Reno, Nevada 89515

The facility is located in northern Washoe County within Sections 11, 12-14 and 18 of Township 36 North, Range 19 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian MDB&M), on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The facility is approximately 40 miles northwest of Gerlach, Nevada, on Highway 447, near Duck Flat.

The project consists of open-pit mining followed by physical separation using a grizzly and crusher for shipment off-site. Chemicals will not be used. The maximum permitted production rate is 36,500 tons of ore per year. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue a Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or

who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Bob Carlson on (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>