



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the Springer Tungsten Facility, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2007108 is:

Springer Mining Company
P.O. Box 325
Inlay, Nevada 89418

The facility is located on public and private land in Pershing County, Nevada, within Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 37, 38, and 40, Township 33 North, Range 34 East; Section 6, T 33 N, R 35 E; Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, T 34 N, R 34 E; and Section 31, T 34 N, R 35 E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 43 miles northeast of the town of Lovelock.

The facility is designed to extract tungsten and associated minerals, with a maximum permitted production rate of 474,500 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the open pit and underground mines, a flotation mill with associated grinding, cyclone, thickener, solvent extraction, ammonium paratungstate, and synthetic scheelite circuits, reagent storage areas, two (2) synthetic-lined tailings storage facilities, a stormwater pond, two (2) waste rock storage facilities, an ore crusher and ore stockpile pads, production wells, water quality monitoring wells, and associated administrative and operational support infrastructure. 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. It is estimated the facility will disturb approximately 384 acres of public and private land.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the 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 (08 November 2008) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001

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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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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