



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Cactus Mining Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0070040 is:

Cactus Gold Corporation
P.O. Box 530696
Henderson, NV 89053

The facility is located on public land in Clark County, within Sections 2, 24 and 25, Township 27 South, Range 63 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, and approximately 27 miles south of the city of Henderson, Nevada.

The project consists of an open-pit mine and a beneficiation facility using chemicals, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 18,250 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit mine, screening plant, a milling and processing facility comprised of a loading and grinding circuit, vat leach tanks, tailings thickener tank, filter press, electrowinning circuit, resin/carbon columns, pregnant and stripped solution tanks all placed within concrete containment. In the event of a system upset, overflow from the process facility drains to a single-lined event pond.

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 either issue the renewal of the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal 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 (publication date February 23, 2009, end of comment period date March 25, 2009) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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