



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Intent

Web posting date 3/09/09

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification to the Reclamation Permit for the Rossi Barite Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0257 is:

Halliburton Energy Services  
Baroid Drilling Fluids  
912 Dunphy Ranch Road  
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

This project, will be located within Elko County, and is in portions of Sections 7, 9 -16, 18, 21-24, 26 -28, and 33 thru 35 of Township 37 North, Range 49 East, M.D.B. & M. of Elko County, Nevada, M.D.B. & M, and is approximately 30 miles Northwest from the community of Carlin, Nevada. The Rossi Barite Mine is an open pit mine operation and considered a "historic mine" as it has been in operation since 1947, prior to the establishment of the 519A reclamation regulations set forth by the State of Nevada. This modification will provide for additional pit and rock storage acreage at the existing mine site for the continued production of the mineral barite while maintaining all current regulatory requirements and standards for successful reclamation.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5:00 PM on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5:00 PM on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC

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519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9408 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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