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Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV0088018

Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company

Denton-Rawhide Mine Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Denton-Rawhide Mine Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088018 is:

Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company
P.O. Box 2070
Fallon, Nevada 89407

The facility is located on public and private land in northeast Mineral County, within portions of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17, Township 13 North, Range 32 East, MDB&M, approximately 41 air miles southeast of the town of Fallon and 36 miles north of the town of Hawthorne.

The project consists of an open pit mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold and silver, with a maximum permitted production rate of 7 million tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, crushing plant, heap leach pad, ponds, wells, processing plant, and ancillary support facilities. 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 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 by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-

mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date September 3, 2010) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests 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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .