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## Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV2005103

Pinson Mining Company

Pinson Exploration Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Pinson Exploration Project, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2005103 is:

Pinson Mining Company  
PO Box 1  
Golconda, NV 89414

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 29 and 33 of Township 38N, Range 42E, and Sections 28 E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and 28 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Township 38N, Range 42E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 37 miles northeast of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of an underground, small scale mining facility (pursuant to NAC 445A.377), for gold exploration purposes, with a maximum permitted production rate of 36,500 tons of ore per year, and a maximum of 120,000 tons over the life of the project, for off-site processing at a separately permitted mill. The facility is comprised of underground mine, mineralized material stockpile, waste rock dumps, dewatering and monitor wells, and ancillary structures. 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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date September 30, 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> .