



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 11/11/2011

Deadline for Comment: 12/11/2011

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **Ashdown Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs)**, a mine dewatering water management and disposal facility has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2006101** is:

**Ashdown Project LLC
P.O. Box 210
Denio, Nevada 89404**

The facility is located on private and public land in Humboldt County, within Section 14, T45N, R29E, MDB&M, approximately 12 miles SSW of Denio, Nevada and is adjacent to the Ashdown Mine and Morris Mill Facility, WPCP NEV2005105.

The project consists of a dewatering water management system designed to infiltrate up to 43,200 gallons per day into the local aquifer, a conveyance pipeline, pumps, valves, meters and control equipment, a 60,000 gallon storage tank, two RIBs, piezometer wells, monitoring wells, and a stormwater diversion system. 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 Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed 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 or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal (with the original to be received within five (5) days of transmittal date), no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice ([submittal end date December 11, 2011](#)) 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 the 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 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's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>