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## Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV2010107

Victoria Gold Corporation U.S.

Cove Helen Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs)

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the Cove Helen Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs), a water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2010107 is:

Victoria Gold Corporation U.S.  
Cove Helen Rapid Infiltration Basins  
1015 Telegraph St., Suite B  
Reno, NV 89502

The facility is located on public land in Lander County, Nevada, within Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 28N, Range 42E; Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Township 28N, Range 43E; Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 29N, Range 42E; and in Sections 30 and 31, Township 29N, Range 43E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The project site is approximately 32 miles southwest of Battle Mountain and 57 miles northwest of Austin.

The project consists of a water management facility, designed and permitted to infiltrate mine dewatering water generated in association with mining of the Cove Helen Underground Exploration Project (WPCP NEV2010102). The water will be returned to the source hydrographic basin, at a maximum rate of 2,500 gallons per minute and 3,600,000 gallons per day. The facility will be constructed at the site of the former McCoy/Cove RIBs and is comprised of two (2) rapid infiltration basins, upgradient and downgradient water quality monitoring wells, infiltration mound elevation piezometers, and associated conveyance pipelines, control valves, and flow meters.

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 new Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the new 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 February 25, 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 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 website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>