



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for water pollution control discharge permit **NEV2011505** from the following applicant:

**Barrick U.S. Inc.  
Bald Mountain Mine  
PO Box 2706  
Elko, Nevada 89803**

The **Barrick U.S. Inc** is proposing to include all its onsite sewage disposal systems (OSDS) at its **Bald Mountain Mine** under one individual permit. This facility does not qualify for a general OSDS/septic permit (**GNEVEOSDS09**) because its total septic volume is in excess of 15,000 gallons. The applicant has applied for a new Nevada groundwater discharge permit - **NEV2011505**, for discharges from its **OSDS** Systems treated domestic wastewater to ground waters of the State via absorption trenches from its **Bald Mountain Mine** facility; this facility is located 35 miles Northwest of Eureka, in White Pine County, Nevada.

The Permittee operates a gold and silver mining operation. Domestic (sanitary) wastewater disposal is via 12 **OSDS** septic tanks with their corresponding absorption fields (12 outfalls) - Total **OSDS** septic capacity of **25,600 gallons**. All **OSDS** tanks and absorption fields are sized in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code and all applicable Nevada regulations governing **OSDS** systems. Non-domestic wastewater disposal into the septic systems (e.g., laboratory waste) is prohibited.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue permit **NEV2011505** for a five (5) year period, subject to the effluent limitations as described above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, either in person or by mail to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249**

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations

regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting [Alexi Lanza, P.E.](mailto:alanza@ndep.nv.gov) Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9468, or at [alanza@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:alanza@ndep.nv.gov). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at [www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm](http://www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm).

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.