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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 01/20/2012**

**Deadline for Comment: 02/20/2012**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Robinson Gleason Creek Discharge Project**, a mine dewatering surface discharge Facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2010111** (Permit) is:

**Robinson Nevada Mining Company**  
**P.O. Box 382**  
**Ruth, Nevada 89319-0382**

The discharge outfall is located on private land along Gleason Creek at approximately 39° 15' 16" North latitude, 114° 55' 04" West longitude, within the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 63 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, in White Pine County, approximately 2 miles west of the town of Ely.

The project consists of six (6) groundwater dewatering wells located at the Robinson Operation (NEV0092105), an approximately 17,150-foot long HDPE pipeline, a riprap energy dissipater apron located at the discharge outfall on Gleason Creek, pumps, valves, flow meters, containment berms, and ancillary equipment and fittings designed for the extraction, conveyance, and discharge of groundwater for mine dewatering purposes at a maximum discharge rate of **11,000 gallons per minute** and up to **15,840,000 gallons per day**. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without a release in excess of those standards established in regulation and the Permit except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (**submittal end date 20 February 2012**) 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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>