



# STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Web Posting: 12/19/2013**

**Deadline for Appeal: 12/30/2013**

**Monte Cristo Diatomaceous Earth Project  
Reclamation Permit 0349  
Global Silica, Inc.**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) has decided to issue Reclamation Permit, No. 0349, for a mining project to Global Silica, Inc. (Permittee). This permit authorizes the Permittee to reclaim the Monte Cristo Diatomaceous Earth Project located in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that the Permittee will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This permit will become final January 2, 2014. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission (Commission) pursuant to NAC 519A.415. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00pm, December 30, 2013, on Form 3 with the Commission at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89801-5249, and in accordance with administrative rules of the Commission.

The Monte Cristo Diatomaceous Earth Project is a diatomaceous earth mine which will disturb approximately 164 acres of public land during the life of the project. Project facilities will include roads, mining pits, growth media storage and a processing area. The project will be permitted and bonded in phases. Projected mine life is 25 years from start of construction.