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NOTICE OF DECISION- Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 05/10/2013

Deadline for Appeal: 05/20/2013

**AA Block - Barrick
Permit # NEV0090060
Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0090060 to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. This permit authorizes the closure of approved mining facilities in Elko and Eureka Counties. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the waters of the State will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective 25 May 2013. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, 20 May 2013, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Karl McCrea at (775) 687-9407 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm

One comment was received during the public comment period.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS:

The following comment was received via E-mail from Ms. Shannon Barngrover of Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.

(NDEP Responses in bold *italics*)

Comment E-mail dated 29 March 2013

The section in the fact sheet regarding the PCB is not currently accurate. The PCB has never been considered secondary containment with leak detection. As such, a weekly gpd flow has never been measured and there is currently no means to take such a measurement.

As we've discussed, I believe we can make some modifications to achieve secondary containment with leak detection. I'm just uncomfortable with this wording as it is not currently accurate.

The permit looks good.

NDEP Response: Further discussion and documentation provided by the Permittee following the original email indicated that the PCB is constructed with secondary containment as required.