



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF DECISION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 8/26/2013

**Columbus Salt Marsh Project
WPC Permit NEV0098104
Columbus S.M. LLC**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0098104 to Columbus S.M. LLC. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Esmeralda County. 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 groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective 31 August 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, 26 August, 2013, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>

No comments were received during the public comment period.