



# STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 4/18/2013**

**Deadline for Comment: 5/20/2013**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Isabella Pearl Joint Venture**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2009102** (Permit) is:

**Isabella/Pearl, LLC  
2925 Avalon Place  
Houston, TX 77019**

The facility is located on public land in Mineral County, within Sections 27, 34, and 35, Township 9 N, Range 34 E, and Section 3, T 8 N, R 34 E, MDB&M, approximately 6 miles north of the town of Luning, Nevada.

The project consists of an open-pit mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 1,356,617 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, mill, heap leach pad, process building, waste rock repositories, ponds, wells, and ancillary structures. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation 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 May 2013) 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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .