



# 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: 08/15/2014**

**Deadline for Comment: 09/14/2014**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Major Modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Sterling Mine Project**, 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 **NEV0089016** is:

**Sterling Gold Mining Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 549**  
**Beatty, Nevada 89003**

The facility is located in Nye County, Sections 10 through 15, 22, and 23 of Township 13 South, Range 47 ½ East and Section 20 of Township 13 South, Range 48 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 8 miles southeast of Beatty, Nevada. The existing project consists of open-pit and underground mining with ore processing by conventional heap leach cyanidation and precious metal recovery by carbon adsorption and stripping. The Major Modification expands the existing heap leach pad and adds additional pond capacity. 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 Major Modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Renewal 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 no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date 15 August 2014, end of comment period 14 September 2014) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this 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 Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P. E., at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>