



# 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: 10/01/2014**

**Deadline for Comment: 10/31/2014**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new **Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) NEV2014115** for the **Mountain Springs Mine** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for the new Permit is:

**M-I SWACO LLC  
2 North Second Street  
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820**

The facility is located in Lander County, within portions of Sections 4, 5, and 6 and Sections 8, 9, and 10, Township 28N, Range 44E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 23 miles southwest (by air) of the town of Battle Mountain and 57 miles northeast (by air) of the town of Austin.

The Mountain Springs Mine is a barite mining and crushing operation, designed to provide mined barite ore to the applicant's process and bagging facility in Battle Mountain. Maximum permitted production rate is up to 850,000 tons of ore per year.

The facility is comprised of surface mines, waste rock facility, crushing plant, barite ore stockpile and loadout areas, a stormwater pond, monitoring wells, administrative and maintenance facilities. No chemicals are used in the process.

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 issue the Permit, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination 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) 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (Publication date 1 October 2014, submittal end date 31 October 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, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control 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>