



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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

**Web Posting: 09/18/2014**

**Deadline for Comment: 10/18/2014**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **North Monitor Exploration Project—Groundwater Discharge**, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2014118** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Gold Exploration Inc.  
293 Spruce Road  
Elko, NV 89801**

The project is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within portions of Sections 17, 20, and 32 through 34, Township 20 North, Range 49 East; Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 24, and 25, Township 19 North, Range 49 East; Section 30 and 31, Township 19 North, Range 50 East; and Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 49 East; Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), about 22 miles west of Eureka, Nevada.

The project is a mineral exploration drilling program discharging up to 6,000 gallons per day of spent drilling cuttings and fluid into constructed sumps for sedimentation and clarification. Decant water meeting background groundwater quality is allowed to infiltrate to groundwater. At least 35 temporary drill pads and collection sumps are proposed for construction during the exploration program and drill sites all will be reclaimed following completion of the project.

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 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 18 September 2014, submittal end date 18 October 2014) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 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 Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>