NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 12/19/2014

Deadline for Comment: 01/19/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Gold Fever 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 **NEV2014123** (Permit) is:

Frank Sharp
1005 Great Basin Blvd.
Ely, NV 89301

The facility is located on public land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in White Pine County, within Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 67 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 28 miles east southeast of the town of Ely, Nevada.

The Project consists of a surface mine (placer) and physical separation facility (gravity separation), pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through 445A.447, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 5,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, wash plant, settling ponds, and water tanks. No chemicals are authorized for use in the extraction process except for approved flocculants. 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 new Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the new 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 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date: 19 December 2014, submittal end date: 19 January 2015) 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 Phil Migliore at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.