

**NOTICE OF INTENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

Web Posting: 07/08/2015

Deadline for Comments: 08/14/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) gives notice that Comstock Mining LLC (Permittee) has properly filed a major modification to **Reclamation Permit 0196** (Permit) for the **Lucerne Project** with the Division in Carson City. The address for the Permittee is:

**Comstock Mining LLC
P. O. Box 1118
1200 American Flat Road
Virginia City, Nevada 89440**

This project is located in both Storey and Lyon Counties, Nevada, within Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Township 16 North, Range 21 East; Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 2 miles southwest from the community of Gold Hill, Nevada. The major modification proposes to include underground mining activities in the Permit. Initially the Permittee will construct an underground access portal and developmental drift of approximately 4,040 feet from within the existing permitted Lucerne open pit. No new disturbance is proposed for this activity.

The Administrator is constrained to approve or deny the major modification to the Permit. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to approve the major modification.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the Permit, must submit their written comments, recommendations, or objections by hand delivery, facsimile, e-mail transmittal or US Postal Service, no later than 5:00PM on August 14, 2015 to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249**

The Division has determined that there is a significant degree of public interest in this matter. Therefore, the Administrator is scheduling a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200 to gather additional public input on any reclamation issues related to the proposed action. The public hearing is scheduled for August 11, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Tahoe Hearing Room, 901 South Stewart Street, Room 2001, Carson City,

Nevada. The Division may set a five-minute limit for oral statements based upon the number of people in attendance who would like to comment. Written comments will also be accepted at the hearing as they relate to any reclamation issues. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Jane Boomhower at 775-687-9398 no later than 3 working days before the public hearing. All comments, objections or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Permit major modification.

The draft Permit and all documents related to the major modification are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>