

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 10/20/2015

Deadline for Appeal: 11/19/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Leeville Infiltration Project**, a water treatment and management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) **NEV2002105** (Permit) is:

Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, NV 89822-0669

The facility is located on both public and private land in Eureka County, Nevada, within Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, Township 35 North (T35N), Range 50 East (R50E); and Sections 29, 30, and 32, T36N, R50E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 20 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The Project consists of a facility for the treatment and management of dewatering water associated with the Leeville Mine, an underground gold mining operation (WPCP NEV0090056), with a maximum permitted dewatering and discharge rate of 27,000 gallons per minute. The facility is comprised of dewatering wells, Surge Tank, Overflow Pond, Water Treatment Plant, Inflow Settling Basins, Settling Ponds, discharge pipeline, De-Sedimentation facility, groundwater monitoring wells, and associated components. The treated water is conveyed via pipeline to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. (BGMI) for use as make-up water in the BGMI mill facilities (WPCP NEV0091029) or for discharge at the BGMI Boulder Valley Infiltration Project (WPCP NEV0089068). Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without degrading waters of the State to the extent that applicable water quality standards and background concentrations are exceeded.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the 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) 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 (submittal end date 19 November 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 Tom Gray at (775) 687-9403 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.