

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 09/16/2015

Deadline for Comment: 10/16/2015

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 **Black Rock Canyon Mine and Mill Project**, beneficiation facility utilizing physical separation methods, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal to Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2004102** (Permit) is:

Nevada Rae Gold, Inc.
Black Rock Canyon Mine and Mill Project
PO Box 67079
Portland OR 97268

The facility is located on public and private land in Lander County, within Sections 4 and 10, Township 29 North (T29N), Range 47 East (R47E); and Section 19, T29N, R48E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 24 miles southeast of the town of Battle Mountain.

The Project consists of a physical separation mining and milling facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 810,000 tons of ore per year. Gold-bearing gravels will be dry-screened at the mine site in Black Rock Canyon and under-size material will be hauled by truck to the gravity separation mill located four (4) miles to the southeast, adjacent to Nevada State Route 306. The gravity separation mill incorporates a feed hopper, grizzly, trommel, sluice, concentrating tables, four (4) concrete-lined settling basins, and associated tanks, pumps, pipes, sumps, and conveyors to process the ore. Process make-up water is obtained from two (2) wells located on the mill site and is recycled. Flocculants are the only approved chemicals for use in the beneficiation 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 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 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 (submittal end date 16 October 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 Joe Sawyer at (775) 687-9406 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.