



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 04/11/2015

Deadline for Comment: 05/11/2015

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 North Area Leach Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0087065 (Permit) is:

**Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation
1655 Mountain City Highway
Elko, NV 89801-2800**

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 23, Township 35 North (T35N), Range 50 East (R50E); Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, T36N, R50E; and Section 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 36, T36N, R49E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 20 miles northwest of the town of Carlin.

The Project consists of an underground and open pit mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold and silver, with a maximum permitted production rate of 17,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of open pit mines, underground mines, one active and one inactive heap leach pad, an inactive tailings impoundment, double synthetically-lined process ponds, a carbon adsorption processing plant, groundwater monitoring and remediation wells, and associated pipelines, valves, and pumps used in conveyance, control or detection of process fluids between process components. 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 11 May 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/bmrr01.htm>.