



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 05/06/2015

Deadline for Comments: 06/06/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a major modification and renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Fire Creek Project**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2007104** (Permit) is:

Klondex Gold & Silver Mining Company
Fire Creek Project
2720 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 102
Elko, NV 89801-4943

The facility is located on public and private land in Lander County, within Sections 9, 10, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24, Township 30 North (T30N), Range 47 East (R47E); and Section 19, T30N, R48E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 37 miles east of the town of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The Project consists of an underground mining facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.392.1, designed to extract gold, with an increased production rate from 36,500 tons per year (tpy) of ore to 250,000 tpy. The permitted facility is comprised of an underground mine, a waste rock repository and ore stockpile, a new waste rock storage facility, mine dewatering equipment, a water treatment plant, five (5) double-lined ponds (three (3) new), a production well, five (5) monitoring wells (two (2) new), a new fueling station, and associated buildings and supporting infrastructure. 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 06 June 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.