

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Web Posting: 10/16/2015**

**Deadline for Comment: 11/16/2015**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Columbia Mine Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2011112** (Permit) is:

**Kona Gold, LLC  
230 E. Liberty Street  
Reno, NV 89501**

The facility is located on private land in Lyon County, within Sections 20 and 31, Township 16 North, Range 21 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, within the unincorporated community of Mound House.

The Project consists of a mining and physical separation beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 36,500 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit mine, an ore stockpile, a tailings stockpile, water tanks, and a wash plant. No chemicals are authorized for use in the extraction 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 Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the 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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 16 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 Phil Migliore at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.