

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

**Web Posting: 08/06/2015**

**Deadline for Comment: 09/05/2015**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **P & S Barite Mine Project**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2014120** (Permit) is:

**Southern Industrial Minerals L.L.C.  
2A Sunshine Lane  
Reno, NV 89502**

The facility is located on public land administered by the US Forest Service, Austin Ranger District, in Nye County, within Sections 11 and 14, Township 13 North, Range 45 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 65 miles north, northeast of the town of Tonopah, Nevada.

The Project consists of a surface mine, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.447, designed to extract barite, with a maximum permitted production rate of 120,000 tons of barite ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit mine, waste rock disposal facilities, an ore stockpile facility, and other ancillary equipment and structures necessary for the operation of the project. 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 new Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the new 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 5 September 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 Shawn Gooch at (775) 687-9557 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.