



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge , permit number NS0095016 from the following applicant:

NEWMONT MINING CORPORATION
1655 MOUNTAIN CITY HIGHWAY
ELKO, NV - 89801

Permit NS0095016, GOLD QUARRY:

Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) operates a gold quarry on the Carlin Gold Trend in Eureka County, Nevada. Newmont proposes to continue to discharge tailings mixed with up to 40,000 gallons per day of sanitary wastewater, septage, and portable toilet waste generated by the workforce at the South Operations Area (SOA) and North Operations Area (NOA) to the Mill 5/6 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), Mill 5/6 TSF West Expansion, James Creek TSF, and Mill 5/6 TSF East Expansion. The Mill 5/6 TSF East Expansion is currently under construction and is expected to be commissioned in 2018. All four TSFs are located within the SOA six miles north of Carlin, Nevada in the Maggie Creek Basin of the Tuscarora Range in north-central Eureka County.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS0095016 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 01/18/2016 , either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Alan Pineda, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9432 or at alan.pineda@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.