

Notice of Proposed Action - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for comment: 03/12/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for **the Austin Gold Venture Mine (aka Inspiration Mine)**, formally 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 **NEV0060006** (Permit) is:

Meridian Rossi Corporation
4635 Longley Lane
Unit 110, Suite 4A
Reno, NV 89502

The facility is located on public and private land in Lander County, within Township 18N, Range 43E, Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately eight miles south of the town of Austin.

The facility is in post-closure. Mining operations began in 1986 and ceased in 1989. This facility was operated as a gold mine with two pits, waste rock dumps, tailings impoundment and a mill building. The ore was processed by conventional cyanide leaching methods with precious metal recovery by carbon adsorption and electro-winning. The mill and all structures have since been removed; the pits, tailings impoundment, waste dumps, and sediment basins remain.

The Administrator is constrained to either renew the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to renew the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.403, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date March 17, 2016) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Lisa A. Kreskey at (775) 687-9415 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.