

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 04/08/2016

Deadline for Comment: 05/09/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Pinson Mine**, for post-closure monitoring of 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 **NEV0089002** (Permit) is:

Atna Resources, Inc.
Pinson Mine
P.O. Box 969
Winnemucca, NV 89446-0969

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within all or portions of Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 38 North, Range 42 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 19 miles northeast of the town of Golconda.

The Pinson Mine facility was mined from ten open pits and processed by both milling with a carbon-in-leach/carbon-in-pulp system and heap leaching. The Pinson Mine included a mill, heap leach operation and tailings impoundments and is being closed according to an approved closure plan dated December 2000. All process buildings have been removed.

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.403, 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 9 May 2016) 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 Kurt Kolbe at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.