

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 02/19/2016

Deadline for Comment: 03/20/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit, as a Post-Closure Permit, for the **Casino-Winrock Mine**, formerly 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 **NEV0090020** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Bald Mountain Mine
P.O. Box 270
Elko, NV 89803**

The Casino-Winrock Mine is located in northwestern White Pine County, approximately 10 miles south of the Ruby Marshes at the southern end of the Ruby Valley, 65 miles south-southeast of Elko and 60 miles northwest of Ely. The mine is located in Township 24 North (T24N), Range 57 East (R57E), Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and T24N, R58E, Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The project is in post-closure monitoring, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.396. All process buildings and support facilities have been removed from the site. The leach pad and waste rock dumps have been recontoured and seeded. Long-term draindown from the closed heap leach pad reports to a series of evapotranspiration basins and infiltration field. Facilities are required to be 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 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, 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 20 March 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 Karl W. McCrea at (775) 687-9407 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.