

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

**Web Posting: 11/02/2016**

**Deadline for Comment: 12/05/2016**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Horse Canyon/Cortez Unified Exploration Project**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2016104** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Exploration Gold Inc.  
HC 66 Box 1250  
Crescent Valley, NV 89821**

The facility is located on public and private land in Lander and Eureka counties, within Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 12, Township 26 North (T26N), Range 47 East (R47E); Sections 1-17, 20-29, 32-36, T26N, R48E; Sections 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 26-29, and 32-36, T27N, R48E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 40 miles southeast of the town of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The Project consists of underground mining facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold, no processing is permitted on site. The facility is comprised of underground declines, exploration drifts, monitoring well, and associated surface facilities. 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.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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 5 December 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 Natasha Zittel at (775) 687-9413 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.