



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 02/06/2017

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Getchell Infiltration Project**, a dewatering water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0095113** (Permit) is:

Barrick Turquoise Ridge, Inc.
HC66 Box 220
Golconda, NV 89414

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 3, 4, 10, 11 and 13, Township 38 North, Range 42 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian, approximately 30 miles northeast of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of mine dewatering, water treatment, and infiltration of dewatering water in Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs), pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.232.2 with a permitted discharge rate of up to 10,080,000 gallons per day. The facility is comprised of dewatering and monitor wells, sumps, pumps, settling ponds, pipelines, water treatment plant, RIBs, and ancillary structures. 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 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 6 February 2017) 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 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 Michelle Griffin at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.