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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Storm Underground Mine Project, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2004109 is:

Barrick Gold Exploration Inc.
293 Spruce Road
Elko, Nevada 89801

The facility is located approximately 30 miles northwest of Carlin, Nevada in Sections 3, 4, and 9 of Township 36 North, Range 49 East, and Sections 27, 33, and 34 of Township 37 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M). The mine is accessed through the pit wall of the existing Glamis Dee Gold Mining Company Dee Pit. The project is on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The project consists of an underground mine with support facilities such as an underground shop an in-pit staging area for ore and aggregate, fuel storage, lay down yard, and two portable batch plants. Ore will be processed at the existing Barrick Goldstrike Mine project covered under a separate permit. Waste rock will be managed within the pit above the predicted water table. 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 issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue 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 Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138
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All comments or objections 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 Bob Carlson on (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>