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**NOTICE OF DECISION
AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

PERMIT NUMBER NEV2003112 (New)

SPRING VALLEY PROJECT

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is hereby issuing Water Pollution Control Permit NEV20003112 to Geo-Nevada, Inc. for the Birthday Girl Mine. This permit authorizes Geo-Nevada to construct, operate, and close the proposed physical separation facilities included in the updated application received on November 4, 2003. The Division has been provided with sufficient information in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447 to assure the Division that the ground water quality will not be degraded from this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective March 19, 2004. The final determination of the administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by **5:00 PM, March 14, 2004**, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski directly at (775) 687-9441, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.state.nv.us/ndep/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during public comment period.