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NOTICE OF DECISION

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PERMIT NUMBER NEV50045
FOR THE BALD MOUNTAIN MINE PROJECT**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV50045 to Placer Dome America. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective March 11, 2004. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, March 8, 2004 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Responses to comments received during the public notice are attached. The permit schedule of compliance was amended to include the following:

Part I.B.1 – By April 15, 2004 submit a proposal to supplement the 1/5 Pit Water Action Plan dated April 15, 2002 to ascertain compliance with NAC 445A.429 or submit a proposed alternative acceptable to NDEP.

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