



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the New Pass Mine, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0093114 is:

Donald E. Jung
P.O. Box 69
Austin, Nevada 89310

The mine and mill facility is located in Lander and Churchill Counties, in Township 20 North, Range 40 East, within Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16. The town of Austin, Nevada, is approximately 25 miles southeast of the facility.

The New Pass Mine consists of a mining and mineral beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, at a maximum permitted rate of 1,000 tons of ore per year. The existing mining operation uses underground mining methods, and employs physical separation technology to produce gold. Facilities are 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 renewal of the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal 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 (July 5, 2006) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

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

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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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>

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