



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the 327 Apex Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control (WPC) Permit NEV2001103 is:

Target Minerals, Inc.
15 Calcite Drive
Carson City, Nevada 89706

This facility is located on public and private land in Washoe County, in Township 21 North, Range 23 East, Sections 20, 29, and 32, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 7 miles northwest of the town of Wadsworth, Nevada.

The project consists of an underground mining operation and physical separation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 14,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, wet gravity concentration, freshwater tank, water scalping system and other ancillary devices used in the conveyance and control of process fluids between process components.

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 renewal 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 (Publication Date: September 22, 2006) to:

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

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

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