



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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March 8, 2007

NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER NEV0070005

Chemetall Foote Corporation

Silver Peak Lithium Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0070005 to Chemetall Foote Corporation. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Esmeralda County. 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 groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective March 23, 2007. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, March 18, 2007, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Division website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

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