



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action by the State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for [renewal](#) of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the [Silver Peak Lithium 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 Permit [NEV0070005](#) is:

Chemetall Foote Corporation
P.O. Box 98
Silver Peak, Nevada 89047

The facility is located on [public and private](#) land in [Esmeralda](#) County, within [Sections 26-28, Township 1 South, Range 40 East, Sections 1, 12, 13, 21-25, Township 2 South, Range 39 East, and Sections 1-11, 15-20, 29-32, Township 2 South, Range 40 East](#), Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, near the town of Silver Peak, Nevada.

The project consists of a [dewatering and beneficiation](#) facility, designed to extract [lithium](#), with a maximum permitted process rate of [6,000](#) tons of naturally occurring material per year. The facility is comprised of numerous deep wells, solar evaporation ponds, lime sludge pond, process plants, stockpiled salt dumps, and appurtenances such as the lime slaker. 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 [renewed](#) Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the [renewed](#) 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 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

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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 [Bob Carlson](#) at (775) 687-9401 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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