



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification to the existing Reclamation Permit for a Mining Operation for World Minerals' Celite Corporation-Nightingale Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the proposed modification for Permit No. 0160 is:

Celite Corporation  
100 Front Street  
Fernley, Nevada 89408

This project is located within Churchill County, and is in portion(s) of Portions of Section 25, T. 23 N., R. 26 E., Section 21, T. 23N., R.27E., and Sections 18 and 20, T. 24N., R.26E., M.D.M., Churchill County, Nevada, approximately thirty miles from the community of Fernley, Nevada. The Nightingale Mine is a diatomite mine that has been operated previously by Celite Corporation. The mine has been inactive during recent years. Material from the Nightingale Mine is transported by highway to their processing plant in Fernley, Nevada. Celite Corporation intends to resume mining at Nightingale and the permit modification is being performed to include locations for a stockpile and plant reject disposal area near Interstate 80 to reduce the amount of off-highway mileage transporting material between the mine and plant. All existing and proposed disturbance associated with the mine facilities are located on private lands owned or leased by Celite Corporation. The plant in Fernley, Nevada is not included in the reclamation permit.

The Administrator is constrained to approve the modification to the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to approve the modification.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on October 11, 2007. Any person who is directly affected by the proposed permit modification may request, in writing, a public hearing on the modification to the permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on October 11, 2007.

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or

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requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Richard Gantt at (775) 687-9410, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9410 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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