



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 an existing Reclamation Permit for a Mining Operation for the Morris Mill Facility has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit #0244 is:

Ashdown Project LLC
1675 E. Prater Way, Suite 102
Sparks, Nevada 89434

This project, is located within Humboldt County, and is in portion(s) of Section 23, Township 45 North, Range 28 East, M.D.B. & M, approximately 17 miles southwest from the community of Denio, Nevada. The Morris Mill Facility is an existing flotation mill to process molybdenum from the Ashdown Mine; the mill was originally permitted in August 2005. This modification to the Morris Mill Facility reclamation permits the construction of second lined tailings impoundment approximately 3.5 acres in size.

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

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on January 16, 2008. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit or major modification to a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a 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 January 16, 2008.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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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 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/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>