



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 Reclamation Permit for the exploration project named the Big Ledge Exploration Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City to develop the property into the Big Ledge Mine Project. The applicant for Permit #0261 is:

Spirit Minerals, LP
P.O. Box 900
Wells, Nevada 89835-0900

This project, will be located within Elko County, in portions of Section 13, and 24 of Township 42 North, Range 60 East: Portions of Sections 18-28, 34 and 35 of Township 42 North, Range 61 East: Portions of Sections 9 -12, 14 - 21 and 29, 30 of Township 42 North, Range 62 East: Portions of Sections 3-7 and 25, 26, 34, 35 of Township 42 North, Range 63 East; M.D.B. & M. This is approximately 25 miles northwest from the community of Wells, Nevada. The property is a barite mineral mining operation primarily located on previously disturbed private and public lands mined for this mineral in the late 1970's until the early 1980's. The new mine plan of operations will meet the current state of Nevada 519A reclamation standards on the "historically" disturbed mine areas.

The Administrator is constrained to issue 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 October 25th, 2007. Any person who is directly affected by the application for 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 October 25th, 2007.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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Carson City, NV 89701

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

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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 Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9408 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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