



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Sterling Mine Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0089016 is:

Sterling Gold Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 549
Beatty, Nevada 89003

The facility is located in Nye County, Sections 10 through 15, 22, and 23 of Township 13 South, Range 47 ½ East and Section 20 of Township 13 South, Range 48 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 8 miles southeast of Beatty, Nevada. The existing project consists of open-pit and underground mining with ore processing by conventional heap leach cyanidation and precious metal recovery by carbon adsorption and stripping. 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 Renewal Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to reissue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Renewal 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 (publication date January 25, 2008) 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 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.

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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 Rob Kuczynski, P. E., at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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