



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 Twin Creeks - South Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for (renewal of/modification to) Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0089035 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 69
Golconda, Nevada 89414

The Twin Creeks - South Project is located in Humboldt County, Sections 16-21, 28, 29, 31 and 32 of Township 39 North, Range 43 East, and Section 24 Township 39 North, Range 42 East, Mount Diablo Base Line and Meridian, approximately 35 miles northeast of Golconda, Nevada. 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 existing project consists of open-pit mining with ore processing by conventional heap leach cyanidation and milling operations to recover precious metals, with a maximum permitted production rate of over 2,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of open pit mine, mill, heap leach pad, tailings impoundment, ponds, wells, etc. 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 issue the renewal 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 (March 21, 2008) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

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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.

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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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