



# 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 renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Lone Tree Mine, a gold mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV0090058 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation

Lone Tree Mine

P.O. Box 388

Valmy, Nevada 89438-0388

The Lone Tree Mine is located in Humboldt County, within Sections 1 through 3, 11 through 17, and 23 through 24 of Township 34 North, Range 42 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 34 miles east of Winnemucca, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit, a tailings facility, waste rock storage facilities, mill facilities, cyanide heap leach facilities, associated piping facilities, and groundwater monitoring wells to support a maximum permitted processing rate of over 2,000,000 tons of ore per year. 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 issue the Water Pollution Control Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit renewal.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date: November 5, 2008; end of comment period December 5, 2008) to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St., Room 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final

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determination regarding this application. 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 permit renewal information 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 toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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