



# 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 Boulder Valley Recirculation Project, a dewatering water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV0095114 is:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.  
P.O. Box 29  
Elko, Nevada 89803

The facility is located in central Boulder Valley approximately 30 miles northeast of Battle Mountain in Eureka County, within Sections 5, 7, 20, 29 and 32, Township 35 North, Range 49 East; Sections 4 and 5, Township 34 North, Range 49 East; and Sections 33 and 34, Township 36 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The project consists of an existing water management facility, designed to collect dewatering water via springs and route the water via the Sand Dune Canal and pump stations to infiltration basins, the T.S. Ranch Reservoir, and to irrigated areas within the Boulder Valley. The spring flow is a result of the infiltration of dewatering water at the T.S. Ranch Reservoir. The recirculation project includes an arsenic treatment plant. 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 renewed Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed 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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice 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 Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests

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

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