



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 Ken Snyder Mine Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096107 is:

Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation
Normandy Midas Operations, Inc.
HC 66 Box 125
Midas, Nevada 89414

The facility is located on private land in Elko County, within Section(s) 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34, Township 39 North, Range 46 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the town of Midas, Nevada.

The project consists of an underground mine, with a ramp and decline system for access to the steeply-dipping ore deposit, and a conventional mill for beneficiation of gold at a maximum permitted production rate of 450,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the underground mine, waste rock and ore stockpiles, crushing plant, conventional mill that utilizes gravity separation and cyanide leach with Merrill-Crowe recovery, refinery, cyanide destruction circuit, synthetic-lined tailings impoundments with solution reclaim systems, production and monitoring wells, and mining and administrative support facilities and infrastructure. 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 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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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