



# 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 Smoky Valley Common Operation—Rapid Infiltration Basin (RIB), has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0091030 is:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation  
Smoky Valley Common Operation  
P.O. Box 480  
Round Mountain, Nevada 89045-0480

The RIB and Conveyance Channel are located on public and private land in northwest Nye County, within Sections 14, 15, 22, 23 and 24, Township 10 North, Range 43 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 50 miles north (by air) of the town of Tonopah and 60 miles south (by air) of the town of Austin.

The purpose of the Smoky Valley Common Operation RIB Facility is to manage and reintroduce dewatering water from the Smoky Valley Common Operation open pit mine into the local groundwater basin. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in the Permit or 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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date January 24, 2008) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Room 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, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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