



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 Leeville Infiltration Project, a water treatment and management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2002105 is:

Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, Nevada 89822-0669

The facility is located on both public and private land in Eureka County, Nevada, within portions of Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, Township 35 North, Range 50 East, and Sections 29, 30, and 32, T 36 N, R 50 E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 20 miles northwest of the town of Carlin.

The project consists of a facility for the treatment and management of dewatering water associated with the Leeville Mine, an underground gold mining operation (NEV0090056), with a maximum permitted dewatering rate of 27,000 gallons per minute. The facility is comprised of several dewatering wells; a single-walled steel dewatering water surge tank; a hydraulically linked, double-HDPE-lined and leak detected surge tank overflow pond; a water treatment plant with secondary containment; four (4) HDPE-lined in-flow settling basins; three (3) HDPE-lined treated water settling and storage ponds; a settling pond solids pipeline; a treated water conveyance pipeline; and associated tanks, vats, interconnecting pipelines, ditches, pumps, sumps, valves, and containment for the conveyance and control of fluids within the facility. 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 (23 May 2008) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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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 the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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