



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 Standard 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 NEV2003103 is:

Standard Gold Mining, Inc.
P.O. Box 330
Inlay, Nevada 89418

The Standard Mine Project is located in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 31 miles northeast of Lovelock and approximately 42 miles southwest of Winnemucca, Nevada. Activity related to this mining project occurs within portions of Sections 34, 35, and 36 of Township 31 N, Range 33 E, and Sections 1, 2, and 6 of Township 30 N, Range 33 E, MDB&M. 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 existing project consists of open pit mining and heap leach processing at a permitted rate of 7,500,000 tons of ore per year, along with associated waste rock dumps. All new waste material produced will be used as backfill in either the Cordex Pit, Intermediate Pit, North Pit, or the South Pit. Ore is processed by conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal (mainly gold) recovery via carbon adsorption. The loaded carbon is transported by truck to the carbon strip plant at the Florida Canyon Mine for processing and carbon regeneration. The facility is required to be 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 (September 25, 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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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