



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 Hollister Development Block Project, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2003107 is:

Rodeo Creek Gold Inc.
P.O. Box 2610
Winnemucca, Nevada 89446

The facility is located on public land in northwest Elko County, within Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, and 17, Township 37 North, Range 48 East, and Sections 32 and 33, Township 38 North, Range 48 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 46 air-miles northwest of Elko, Nevada.

The project consists of an underground mining facility, designed to mine gold ore, with a maximum permitted production rate of 275,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the underground mine, an engineered waste rock storage and ore stockpile facility with fluid collection system, synthetic-lined water management and recycling ponds, a synthetic-lined stormwater basin, a reverse osmosis plant, associated pumps, pipelines, sumps and monitoring wells, and surface administrative and mechanical support infrastructure. No processing of ore is authorized. 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. It is estimated the facility will disturb approximately 80 acres of public land.

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 (28 November 2008) 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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