



# 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 new Water Pollution Control Permit for the Reward Project--2, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2007101 is:

Canyon Resources Corporation  
P.O. Box 668  
Trona, California 93592-0668

The facility is located on both public and private land in Nye County, within Sections 33, 34 and 35, Township 12 South, Range 47 East, and Sections 1,2,3,4,9,10,11 and 16, Township 13 South, Range 47 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 8 miles south of the town of Beatty, Nevada.

The project consists of a surface mining and beneficiation facility using chemicals, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of up to 2,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, crushing plant, heap leach pad, solution ponds, a process recovery facility and associated piping and conveyance channels. Loaded carbon generated in the process facility will be loaded into DOT-approved containers for shipment to the Canyon Resources Corporation, CR Briggs Facility in Trona, California for stripping, refining and carbon reactivation. Reactivated carbon will then be returned to the Reward Project site for reuse.

Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release to the environment 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 Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the 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 May 8, 2008) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001

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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 Rob Kuczynski, P. E., at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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