



# 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 Relief Canyon #2, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit NEV2007105 is:

Firstgold Corp.  
3108 Gabbert Dr., Suite 201  
Cameron Park, CA 95682

The Relief Canyon #2 is located approximately 16 miles east of Lovelock, Nevada in Pershing County, within Section 18, Township 27 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The Relief Canyon #2 is a precious metals recovery operation designed to extract primarily gold from the ore on the existing heap leach pads remaining from previous mining operations at the site. The ore is processed by milling and placement on new heap leach pads for process fluid (sodium cyanide solution) application. The pregnant solution is then diverted to the process plant for precious metal extraction using the carbon Adsorption-Desorption-Recovery (ADR) process. The facility is designed to be 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 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 (April 3, 2008) of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 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 permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests

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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 at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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