



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a major modification application for a revised Reclamation Permit for a Mining Operation for the Pipeline/Cortez Hills Expansion Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0093 is:

Cortez Gold Mines
HC 66 Box 1250
Crescent Valley, NV 89821

This project, will be located within Lander County, and is in:
Portions of Secs. 1, 2, 12, 13 & 24 T.26N, R.47E; Portion of Secs. 6-8, 17-20, T.26N, R.48E;
Portion of Secs. 1-3, 10-14, 22-27, 34-36, T.27N, R.46E; Portion of Secs. 1-36, T.27N, R.47E;
Portion of Secs. 7, 18, 19, 30, & 31 T.27N, R.48E; Portion of Secs. 23-26, 35, & 36, T. 28N, R46E;
Portion of Secs. 13-16, 20-36 T.28N, R.47E. M.D.B. & M, approximately 30 miles from the community of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

This permitting action will consolidate three existing permits (Pipeline/South Pipeline, Gold Acres, Cortez) with the proposed Cortez Hills mining complex. The Cortez Hills mining complex will include new open pit, waste rock facility and heap leach pad disturbances. This will result in an additional 4,958 acres of mining disturbance entirely on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision, must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on Friday, September 12, 2008. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on Friday, September 12, 2008.

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Suessmith at (775) 687-9412, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9412 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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