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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

Web posting date 3/13/09

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining and beneficiation facility, the Bald Mountain Mine, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV0050045 is:

Barrick Gold U.S., Inc.  
P.O. Box 2706  
Elko, NV 89803

The facility is located in White Pine County, Nevada, northwest of Ely. Activity related to this project will occur within all or portions of Township 24 N., Range 56 E., Sections 11-15, and 22-25, as well as Township 24 N., Range 57 E., Sections 5-9, 14-23, 26-30, and 32, MDB&M. The project consists of open pit mining with associated waste rock dumps, three heap leach pads, associated process ponds, process buildings, and crusher facilities. Ore is processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal recovery via carbon adsorption. The project is designed, constructed, and will be operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events that exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to renew the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the renewed 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 by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal deadline April 17, 2009) in the Ely Daily Times to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division

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

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