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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Manhattan Project, a mining and beneficiation facility in post closure, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088013 is:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation
Smoky Valley Common Operation
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, NV 89045

The Manhattan Project is located on the west edge of the town of Manhattan. Manhattan is located approximately 35 miles north of Tonopah, in Nye County. The mine is located within Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30 of Township 8 North, Range 44 East.

The project consisted of a mining and beneficiation facility designed to extract gold. The project consisted of one canyon fill dedicated heap leach pad; one tailings impoundment; one waste rock dump; three open pits (one now containing a permanent pit lake); one mill (since reclaimed); one process/carbon plant (since reclaimed); and various associated structures (all since reclaimed) and roads.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Water Pollution Control Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to renew 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 by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (24 October, 2009) 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, 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 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 Kurt F. Kolbe at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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