



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Decision

Permit #NEV0096100

Newmont Mining Company

Surprise Heap Leach Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096100 to Newmont Mining Company. This permit authorizes the closure of approved mining facilities in Lander County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the waters of the State will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective January 02, 2010. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, December 28, 2009, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Kevin E. Sullivan at (775) 687-9413 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

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