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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Five Jokers Mine Project, a mining and physical separation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2000112 is:

Five Jokers Mining Company, LLC
1386 South Riverview Drive
Gardnerville, Nevada 89460

The facility is located on public and patented land in Nye County, within non-surveyed Sections 17 and 18 of Township 1 North, Range 50 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The facility is approximately 2.5 miles southwest (by air) of the Eden Creek Ranch or approximately 17 miles south-southwest (by air) of Warm Springs, Nevada.

The project consists of underground mine adits and a gravity separation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum authorized process rate of 2,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, grizzly, hoppers, conveyors, vibrating screen, trommel, rocker sluice box, vibrating sluice box, settling pond, make-up (reclaim) water pond and fresh water (seep) pond. No chemicals are authorized for use at the facility. Facilities are required to be designed, 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 renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal 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 (publication date September 24, 2009 and submittal deadline October 24, 2009) to:

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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 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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