



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Luck Lode Mine Project, a facility utilizing physical separation methods to extract gold, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV2002106 is:

Eldorado Mining, Inc.
Luck Lode Mine Project
1941 Ottawa Dr.
Las Vegas NV 89169

The facility, known as the Luck Lode Mine Project, is located in the New York Mountain Range, approximately 1.2 miles south of State Route 164 in the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 61 East, MDB&M, Clark County, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation facility (Nevada Administrative Code 445A.414) with a permitted maximum production rate of 500,000 tons of ore per year. The project consists of a physical separation facility utilizing crushing and gravity separation to extract gold from ore excavated on site. The concentrate is shipped off site for gold recovery. No chemicals are approved for use in the recovery process and make-up water is recycled. 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 the 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 no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date: February 23, 2009, end of comment period date: March 25, 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 or objections 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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