



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 a Water Pollution Control Permit for the renewal of Hollister Development Block Infiltration Project, a water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2003114 is:

Rodeo Creek Gold Inc.
Hollister Development Block Infiltration Project
P.O. Box 2610
Winnemucca, Nevada 89446

The facility, known as the Hollister Development Block Infiltration Project, is located in portions of Section 33, Township 37 North, Range 48 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 46 air-miles northwest of the town of Elko, in northwest Elko County, Nevada.

The project consists of an HDPE pipeline used to gravity convey dewatering water discharged from the Hollister Development Block Project (Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2003107) access decline and underground workings to a group of three (3) rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). The permit authorizes a maximum discharge of 999,999 gallons per day of dewatering water to the RIBs. Groundwater quality is monitored with two (2) upgradient and four (4) downgradient monitoring wells and the infiltration mound is monitored with eight (8) piezometer wells. The facility is protected from the 100-year, 24-hour storm event by an engineered diversion ditch. 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 issue the renewal 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 renewal Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the 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 (20 April 2009) to:

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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 Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>

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