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Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV2004104

Pele Nevada, LLC

Pele Nevada Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Pele Nevada, LLC Project, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2004104 is:

Pele Nevada, LLC
50 East Greg Street, Suite 104
Sparks, Nevada 89431

The facility is located on private land in Washoe County, within Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, in the city of Sparks, Nevada.

The project consists of a small-scale facility (Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.410) which will obtain crushed ore from various sources. The ore will be characterized and then processed via an in-tank acidic leach procedure and subsequent precipitation and filtration. Precious metals are extracted using an electro winning tank. Following processing and final characterization, spent ore will be disposed of in accordance with applicable waste management regulations. Barren solution is either recycled back into the process or will be removed by a licensed waste hauler. All process components are located in an enclosed building within concrete containment. The facility is permitted to process up to 36,500 tons of ore per year and 120,000 over the life of the project. 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 Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

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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 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 (submittal deadline November 9, 2009) to:

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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .

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