



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification to a Reclamation Permit for a mining operation called the Simplot Silica Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0224 is:

J.R. Simplot Company  
Simplot Silica Products  
665 Simplot Road  
P.O. Box 308  
Overton, NV 89040

This project, will be located within Clark County, and is in Portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 12, Township 17 South, Range 67 East; Portions of Sections 25 and 26, Township 16 South, Range 67 East; Portions of Section 30, Township 16 South, Range 68 East; M.D.B. & M approximately six miles from the community of Overton, Nevada. This modification application would authorize 190 acres of additional mine related disturbance in the form of open pit, safety berm and access road disturbance. Over half of the new disturbance would occur on previously disturbed ground.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision, must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on Friday, February 27, 2009. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on February 27, 2009.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

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The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Suessmith at (775) 687-9412, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9412 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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