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Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV0089002

Pinson Mining Company

Pinson Mine

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the PINSON MINE, for post-closure monitoring of a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0089002 is:

Pinson Mining Company
PO Box 1
Golconda, NV 89414-0001

The Pinson Mine is located on both public and private land in Humboldt County, Township 38 North, Range 42 East, all or portions of Sections 27, 28, 29, 32 and 33 and Township 37 North, Range 42 East, portions of Sections 4 and 5, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 19 miles northeast of the town of Golconda, Nevada.

The Pinson Mine facility was mined from ten open pits and processed by both milling with a carbon-in-leach/carbon-in-pulp system and heap leaching. The Pinson Mine included a mill, heap leach operation and tailings impoundments and is being closed according to an approved closure plan dated December 2000. All process buildings have been removed.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal of the Water Pollution Control Permit or deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal of the permit.

Persons wishing to comment on 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 the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written

comments, objections, or e-mail no later than 5:00pm on the 30th day (21 October, 2010) following the date of publication of this notice (21 September, 2010) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

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 Kurt Kolbe at 775-687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.