



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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## Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV2004109

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.

Storm Underground Mine Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Storm Underground Mine Project, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2004109 is:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.  
P.O. Box 29  
Elko, Nevada 89803

The facility is located on public land in Elko County, within Sections 3, 4, and 9 of Township 36 North, Range 49 East and Sections 27, 33, and 34 of Township 37 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 30 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The project consists of an underground mining facility, designed to extract precious metal ore (mainly gold) for processing at an off-site, permitted facility, with a maximum permitted mining rate of 365,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the underground mine, waste rock disposal area, ore stockpile, and support facilities. No processing of ore is permitted at the site. 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.

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 by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal deadline August 5, 2010) 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 at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .