



# STATE OF NEVADA

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Notice of Intent

Permit #0304

R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc.

New Discovery Bentonite Mine

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Reclamation Permit for a mining operation for the New Discovery Bentonite Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit 0304 is:

R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc.  
3561 East Burgundy Drive  
Pahrump, NV 89408

This existing project is located within Nye County, and is in portion of Secs.13 & 14 T.12 S., R. 46 E., and portion of Secs. 18 & 19 T.12 S., R.47 E. M.D.B. & M. This project is approximately 3 miles from the community of Beatty, Nevada. The New Discovery Bentonite Mine is an existing underground mine and plant site where bentonite clay ores are mined, dried and stored, bagged and shipped for out of state processing and finish product development. The mine and plant site have been in operation for over 65 years and is projected to continue its operation for several more decades. The proposed post-mining land use for the private land portion is to convert the plant site to an industrial site at the conclusion of mining and reclamation. The ore bins on adjacent public land would be demolished and removed. All open decline adits would be closed.

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 draft of the permit must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on August 7, 2010. 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 August 7, 2010.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 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 Reclamation Permit. 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.

The draft Reclamation Permit 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 visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>