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Notice of Intent

Permit #0309

Newmont Mining Corporation

Copper Basin Exploration Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Reclamation Permit for an exploration Project for the Copper Basin Exploration Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit 0309 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
1655 Mountain City Highway
Elko, NV 89801

This project, will be located within Lander County, and is in portion(s) of Sec. 1, T.31N, R.43E; Secs. 3, & 5, T.31N, R.44E; and Secs. 21, 27-29, 32-34, T.32N, R.44E M.D.B. & M, approximately 15 miles from the community of Battle Mountain, Nevada. This proposed exploration project would involve exploration activity including road and drill pad construction, drilling, and trenching activities in the greater Copper Basin area. This area includes the existing Copper Basin Mine and Battle Mountain Exploration Project. All disturbance associated with the Copper Basin Exploration Project would occur on private land.

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 December 24, 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 December 24, 2010.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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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 Suesmith at (775) 687-9412, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.