

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

by the
State of Nevada
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Administrator has received an application for a Phase-2 Nevada Mercury Operating Permit to Construct from the following applicant:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation (RMGC)
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, Nevada 89045

The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the Mercury Operating Permit to Construct (MOPTC) AP1041-2250 that, in brief, affect the following sources: The first system, carbon stripping and regeneration, includes (1) carbon reactivation kiln, one (1) pregnant tank, and two (2) barren tanks. The second system, refinery, includes (1) electric induction furnace. The third system, Gold Hill carbon kiln, includes one (1) carbon kiln. The fourth system, Gold Hill carbon stripping, includes one (1) pregnant tank, one (1) barren tank, and electrowinning cells. The fifth system, Gold Hill retort, includes one (1) retort. The sixth system, Gold Hill furnace, includes (1) furnace.

The draft MOPTC proposes mercury emissions performance standards and mercury emissions control technologies determined to be NvMACT pursuant to NAC 445B.3683.2(b). Determination of initial proposed NvMACT mercury emissions performance for all systems is 5×10^{-3} gr/dscf mercury. Determination of proposed NvMACT mercury emissions control technology for all systems is included in the draft MOPTC.

The proposed MOPTC activities include monitoring, recordkeeping, annual stack testing for mercury emissions, annual emissions reporting, annual mercury co-product reporting, limits of operation, and work practice standards which minimize emissions of mercury to the atmosphere. Other permit contents include a mercury emission limit for each system.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS and the NAC, the Administrator is hereby announcing his intent to issue the Mercury Operating Permit to Construct based on review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft operating permit is available for public inspection at:

Tonopah Public Library
P.O. Box 449
Tonopah, NV 89049

Pursuant to NAC 445B.3364, the Director is providing this notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed action. The public hearing will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011 in Carson City, Nevada at 1:00 PM at the following location:

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
RICHARD H. BRYAN BUILDING – TAHOE HEARING ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
901 SOUTH STEWART STREET
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

The application, draft permit, and other relevant information may be obtained or made available for review at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Pollution Control, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701 by contacting Nikita Hutson at 775-687-9388 (775-687-6396 FAX), or by e-mail at nhutson@ndep.nv.gov. Written comments related to the proposed action will be received by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at the same address until the close of the public hearing on **November 7, 2011**.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.