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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION Bureau of Air Pollution Control

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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action.

The Director received an application for a Class I Air Quality Operating Permit to Construct (OPTC) AP1041-2761 (FIN A0404) from the following applicant:

Plum Mining Company, LLC
Comstock Mining Inc.
P.O. Box 1118
Gold Hill, Nevada 89440

Plum Mining Company, LLC (Plum) is located in Storey County, off of Highway 342, South of Virginia City to Gold Hill. The project is located in all or portions of the following area: Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T16N, R21E (MDB&M). The Director has prepared a tentative determination regarding the OPTC that, in brief, includes the following:

- Plum proposes to construct equipment that will support mining activities at the property formerly known as Billie the Kid/Hartford Hill Project Mine. As such, the following equipment and processes are included in the draft OPTC: Ore crushing and conveyance equipment, lime silos, melt furnace, retort, diesel generators, and a gasoline storage and dispensing tank. Non-permit equipment includes diesel fuel storage tanks and several building heaters.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue the Class I Air Quality Operating Permit to Construct based on a review of the information submitted. A copy of the draft permit will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Storey Public Library
95 South R Street
Virginia City, NV 89440

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax within thirty (30) days to:

Nikita Lingenfelter, Staff Engineer
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The applications, Director's Review, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **January 26, 2012**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Class 1 OPTC.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all interested persons.