



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Bureau of Air Pollution Control

Web Posting Date: 12/20/11

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 new 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.

Pursuant to NAC 445B.3457(7), the Director is providing this notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed action. The Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, January 26, 2012** in Carson City, Nevada at **2:00 PM** at the following location:

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901 SOUTH STEWART STREET
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Copies of 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, NV 89701 by contacting Nikita Lingenfelter in writing at this address or by email at nhutson@ndep.nv.gov or by calling (775) 687-9388. Written comments related to the Class I OPTC will be received by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at the same address until close of the Public Hearing on **January 26, 2011**.

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