



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 11/22/2011**

**Deadline for Comment: 12/26/2011**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Getchell Mine Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0086014** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Turquoise Ridge, Inc.**  
**HC66 Box 220**  
**Golconda, NV 89414**

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 1-5, 7-23, 25-29, and 32-36 Township 39 North, Range 42 East; Sections 1-6, 9-15, and 17, Township 38 North, Range 42 East; and Sections 5, 6, 8, 15, and 16, Township 38 North, Range 43 East, MDB&M, approximately 30 miles northeast of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of open pit (inactive) and underground (active) mines and a heap leach beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 2,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of open pit and underground mines, mill (in closure), heap leach pad (in closure), tailings impoundment, wells, and ancillary structures. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal (with the original to be received within five (5) days of transmittal date), no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date December 26, 2011) to:

Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding the Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .