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NOTICE OF DECISION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 12/07/2011

Deadline for Appeal: 12/17/2011

**North Block Project
WPC Permit #NEV0091029**

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to modify Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0091029 to Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Elko and Eureka Counties. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the waters of the State will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective December 22, 2011. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, December 17, 2011, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Paul Eckert at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during the public comment period.