



# STATE OF NEVADA

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## Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV0092105

Robinson Nevada Mining Company (RNMC)

Robinson Operation

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Robinson Operation**, 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 **NEV0092105** is:

**Robinson Nevada Mining Company  
P.O. Box 382  
Ruth, Nevada 89319-0382**

The facility is located on both public and private land in White Pine County, within Sections 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 16 North, Range 61 East; Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31, Township 16 North, Range 62 East; and Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, and 20, Township 16 North, Range 63 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 9 miles west of the town of Ely, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit mining and conventional flotation mill and concentrator beneficiation facility, designed to extract copper, molybdenum, and gold, at a maximum permitted production rate of 17,500,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine (multiple open pits), mill, concentrator, deactivated heap leach pads, cycloned tailings embankment and impoundment, tailings slurry and solution conveyance pipelines, process and stormwater ponds, waste rock disposal facilities, water supply and monitoring wells, various seepage collection and conveyance systems, and administrative, storage, and maintenance buildings. 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 23 May 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 this 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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>