



# STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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

Web posting: 10/10/2011

Deadline for Comment: 11/12/2011

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **327 Apex 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 (WPCP) NEV2001103** is:

**Lake Mountain Mining LLC**  
**5655 Riggins Ct., Ste. 17**  
**Reno, NV 89502**

This facility is located on public and private land in Washoe County, in T21N, R23E, Sections 20, 29, and 32, MDB&M, approximately 7 miles northwest of the town of Wadsworth, Nevada.

The project consists of an underground mining operation and physical separation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 24,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, crushing, screening and wet gravity concentration circuits, stockpile pad, waste rock dump, a water storage and recycling system and other ancillary devices used in the conveyance and control of process fluids between process components. No chemicals are authorized for use at the project site.

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 Permit Renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit Renewal.

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 November 12, 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>