



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Deadline for Comment: 6/4/2011

## Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV2005110

Sunrise Minerals, LLC

Section 17 Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **Section 17 Project** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for WPCP NEV2005110 is:

**Sunrise Minerals LLC  
7343 South Alton Way, Suite 100  
Centennial, CO 80112**

The facility is located in northeast Pershing County, within the southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 36 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 8.0 miles northeast of the town of Mill City and 20 miles southwest of the town of Winnemucca. Application materials submitted estimate a life expectancy of at least five years for the Section 17 Project. Annual throughput will not exceed 450,000 tons (300,000 cubic yards) per year.

A wet gravity separation process will be used to recover gold from placer material excavated on site. The facility is designed and constructed to operate and close without any discharge or release from the fluid management system except meteorological events that exceed the design storm limit. Chemicals are not approved for use in the process with the exception of a bio-degradable flocculant and make-up water is recycled through the settling ponds for reuse.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Permit renewal, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination 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 June 4, 2011) to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. 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 Permit application information 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's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.