



# STATE OF NEVADA

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action and Public Hearing.

The Administrator has received an application for a Phase-2 Nevada Mercury Operating Permit to Construct from the following applicant:

Newmont Mining Corporation - Gold Quarry Operations Area (NMC-GQ)  
1655 Mountain City Highway  
Elko, Nevada 89801

The Administrator has prepared a tentative determination regarding the Mercury Operating Permit to Construct (MOPTC) AP1041-2219 that, in brief, affect the following source: three new retorts.

The draft MOPTC proposes mercury emissions performance standards and mercury emissions control technologies determined to be NvMACT pursuant to NAC 445B.3683.2(b). Determination of the final NvMACT mercury emissions performance limit for the new retorts is:  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  gr/dscf mercury. Determination of proposed NvMACT mercury emissions control technology for each retort system includes: Two Mercury Condensers (operating in series), equipped with a chiller, a condensation vessel, an after cooler with mist eliminator and two sulfur impregnated carbon columns (operating in parallel).

The tentative MOPTC activities include monitoring, recordkeeping, annual stack testing for mercury emissions, annual emissions reporting, annual mercury co-product reporting,, limits of operation, and work practice standards which minimize emissions of mercury to the atmosphere. Other permit contents include mercury emission limits for the retorts.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, and the NAC, the Administrator is hereby announcing his intent to issue the MOPTC based on review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft permit will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Elko Public Library  
720 Court Street  
Elko, NV 89801

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax, within thirty (30) days to:

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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address, or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be retained and considered prior to final action on the MOPTC. Comments or objections must be received at the above address by **April 15, 2012**. Upon a valid written request received prior to the end of the comment period, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing on the application and proposed action. Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.