



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: 01/30/2012

Deadline for Comment: 03/01/2012

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Major Modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Marigold Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the modification to **Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088040** (Permit) is:

Marigold Mining Company
P.O. Box 160
Valmy, NV 89438

The facility is located on both public and private land in Humboldt County, within portions of Section 36, Township 34 North, Range 42 East; Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36, T33N, R42E; Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, T34N, R43E; Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, and 31, T33N, R43E; and Section 6 of T32N, R43E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 30 miles southeast (by air) of the city of Winnemucca.

The project consists of a surface mine and a chemical beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold from gold-bearing ores, with a maximum permitted production rate of 25 million tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of several open pits, waste rock dumps, a cyanide heap leach facility, a mill, tailings impoundment, solution ponds and monitoring devices. The Major Modification adds additional heap leach pad capacity. 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 modified Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the modified 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 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date March 1, 2012 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's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>