



# 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: 05/07/2012

Deadline for Comments: 06/07/2012

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal and major modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Mill 5/6-Gold Quarry-James Creek Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal and modification of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0090056** (Permit) is:

**Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation**  
**1655 Mountain City Highway**  
**Elko, Nevada 89801-2800**

The project is located in north-central Eureka County, between 6 and 21 miles north of the town of Carlin. The facilities are located in portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18, Township 33 North, Range 51 East; Sections 6 and 7, T33N, R52E; Sections 25, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, T34N, R51E; Section 31, T34N, R52E; Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 13 and 24, T35N, R50E; and Sections 19, 29, and 30, T35N, R51E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The project is designed to extract gold and associated metals at a maximum permitted production of 14,500,000 tons of ore per year. The project facilities consist of large scale open pit and underground mining operations; heap leach, conventional cyanide and flotation mill, and refractory mill beneficiation facilities; solution and stormwater ponds; tailings storage facilities and waste rock storage facilities; production, dewatering, and monitoring wells; maintenance, storage, and administrative buildings; and associated ditches, channels, pipelines, roads, and other support infrastructure. Designs for the proposed South Waste Rock Disposal Facility, West Expansion, and the Mill 5/6 Tailings Storage Facility, East Expansion, are incorporated into the renewal application. 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 and modification Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the 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 (07 June 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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>