



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF DECISION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 01/31/2012**

**Deadline for Appeal: 02/10/2012**

**Pipeline Project  
Permit #NEV0093109**

**Barrick Cortez, Inc.**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue a renewal and modification of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0093109 to Barrick Cortez, Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Lander County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the waters of the State will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective 15 February 2012. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, 10 February 2012 (NOD date +10), on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at [www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm](http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm).

One comment letter was received during the public comment period. The letter, dated 09 January 2012 and received 11 January 2012, was sent by Marie Barry, Environmental Director, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Washoe Tribe). The Division response to the Washoe Tribe comment is attached to this Notice of Decision.

**Washoe Tribe Comment:** “The Washoe Environmental Protection Department is concerned with the potential negative effects the proposed project will have on tribal traditional territory, hunting and gathering areas, and cultural resources. The Tribe does not support projects that will destroy or damage these traditional lands and resources.”

**Division Response:** *The Washoe Tribe comment is noted.*