



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 12/07/2012**

**Deadline for Comment: 01/07/2013**

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 **Pinson Mining Project** (formerly the Pinson Exploration Project), a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for modification to Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2005103** (Permit) is:

**Atna Resources, Inc.**  
**PO Box 969**  
**Winnemucca, NV 89446-0969**

The facility is located on private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 28 E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 28 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 29 and 33 of Township 38N, Range 42E, MDB&M, approximately 37 miles northeast of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of an underground mining facility, for extraction of gold ore, with a maximum permitted production rate of 400,000 tons of ore per year for off-site processing at a separately permitted mill. The facility is comprised of underground mine, mineralized material stockpile, oxide ore stockpile, Mag Pit ore stockpile, waste rock dumps, dewatering and monitor wells, and ancillary structures. 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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date January 7, 2013) 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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .