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## Notice of Proposed Action – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

**Web Posting: 02/23/2012**

**Deadline for Comment: 03/26/2012**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Amy Claims Exploration Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2009112** is:

**Ruggeri Stocks LLC**  
**491 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Elko, NV 89801**

The facility is located on public and private land in Elko County, Nevada, within Section 21, Township 46 North, Range 58 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 72 miles north of the town of Elko.

The project is a physical separation facility designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted extraction rate of 6,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, lined ore/waste rock stockpile, stormwater pond, ore loading area, and a physical separation facility. No chemicals are authorized for use in beneficiation. Ore may be transported off-site for processing at a separately permitted mill or processed on-site. 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 Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control 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, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal deadline March 26, 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 this Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control 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> .