



# STATE OF NEVADA

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

**Web Posting: 11/02/2012**

**Deadline for Comment: 12/03/2012**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Noble Project**, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for modification of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2009113** is:

**Noble Technologies Corp.  
1280 Alexandria Ct  
McCarran, NV 89434**

The facility is located on private land in Storey County, within Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 22 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, within the town of McCarran, Nevada, approximately 14 miles east of Reno, Nevada.

The project consists of both a physical separation beneficiation circuit and a chemical (acid leach) process, designed to produce gold and other precious metals, with a maximum permitted production rate of 36,500 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an enclosed building within which is located the process equipment including hoppers, crushers, mixers, screens, Knudsen bowls, shaker tables, filters, tanks, resin columns, and leaching vats. 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 December 3, 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 at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .