



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: 08/28/2012

Deadline for Comment: 09/29/2012

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **Star Creek Placer Mine Test Site** a placer mining and gravity concentration facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2010106** (Permit) is:

Phillip Geertson
8937 SW 7th Ave
Portland, OR 97219

The facility is located on public land in Pershing County, within Section 19, Township 31N, Range 35E, and Section 24, T31N, R34E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, and approximately 32 miles northeast (by air) of Lovelock and 9 miles southwest (by air) of Mill City.

The project consists of a surface mining and gravity separation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 18,250 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of four test pits and portable gravity separation equipment. 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 new 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 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date September 29, 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>