



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: 02/23/2012

Deadline for Comment: 03/24/2012

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **New Boston Mill**, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the new Permit **NEV2011101** is:

**Robert Dallaire
New Boston Mill
P.O. Box 2228
Hawthorne, NV 89415**

The facility is located on public land in Mineral County, within a portion of Section 25, Township 7 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 5 miles south of Luning and 4 miles north of Mina off US-95 on the west side of the highway.

The project consists of a physical separation facility utilizing gravity separation, to extract gold and silver from ores obtained from on-site ore stockpiles or from characterized off-site sources on a toll basis, with a maximum permitted production rate of up to 30,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of a mill and two ponds. 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 new 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, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (**submittal deadline March 24, 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 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 website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>