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NOTICE OF DECISION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 02/16/2012

Deadline for Appeal: 02/25/2012

**Slaven Canyon Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins
Permit# NEV2011106**

Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) NEV2011106 to Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved Rapid Infiltration Basins in Lander County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the waters of the State will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective March 1, 2012. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, February 25, 2012, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm

One comment was received from Ms. Marie Barry, Director--Environmental Protection Department, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (letter received via surface mail on January 11, 2012).

Division responses to the Washoe Tribe's comment is attached to this Notice of Decision:

Comment: "The Washoe Environmental Protection Department (WEPD) is concerned with the potential negative effects the proposed project [Slaven Canyon Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins] will have on tribal traditional territory, hunting and gathering areas, and cultural resources. The Tribe does not support projects that will destroy or damage these traditional lands and resources. The WEPD does not support the proposed project as it will reintroduce dewatering water into the local groundwater basin at a rate of up to 50,000 gallons per day."

Division Response: Comment noted