



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 4/1/2013

Deadline for Comment: 5/1/2013

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit, as a Post-Closure Monitoring Permit, for the **AA Block - Barrick** a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0090060** is:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.
P.O. Box 29
Elko, NV 89803

The facilities are located in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Township 36 North, Range 49 East, and Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, and 30, Township 36 North, Range 50 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian (MDMB). The AA Block Project is entering into permanent closure.

The AA Block currently consists of the AA Block Heap Leach Facility (AA Block HLF, which includes AA, Phases I, II, III, and IIIA), one pumpback well, numerous groundwater monitoring wells, the AA Tailings Impoundment, AA Tails Seepage Collection Pond, the Mill 4 Facility, Mill 4 Tailings Storage Facility 1 and Seepage Collection Pond, and the Bazza Waste Rock Disposal Facility (WRDF). With the closure of the heap leach pad, most of the adsorption, desorption, recovery (ADR) process components have been dismantled, and the buildings converted into a metallurgical testing lab.

The Administrator is constrained to issue a renewed Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the renewed 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 1 May 2013) 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 Karl McCrea on (775) 687-9407 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>