



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **NOTICE OF DECISION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Web Posting: 6/3/2013**

**Deadline for Appeal: 6/13/2013**

**Isabella/Pearl, LLC  
WPC Permit No. NEV2009102  
Isabella Pearl Joint Venture**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2009102 to Isabella/Pearl, LLC. This Permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Mineral 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 18 June 2013. 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, 13 June 2013, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Paul Eckert at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at [www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm](http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm).

One comment was received from Mr. Wilfred Buffington during the public comment period. The comment and the Division response are attached to this notice.

**Division Response to letter received April 23, 2013 from Mr. Wilfred Buffington.**

Comment 1: “I Wilfred Buffington of Luning would like to see the Isabella/Pearl LLC start up, I cannot see any problem with the mine going. Our County badly needs the work and the taxes from the mine going. I came to mine in 1946 and moved to Luning in 1961, and I still live there. All of Mineral County needs the work. I can’t see any environmental problem, our water comes from Mina area.”

*Division Response: Comment noted.*