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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 05/21/2013

Deadline for Comment: 06/24/2013

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Dusty Mine Project**, a facility utilizing physical separation methods to extract gold, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for **Permit NEV2012109** (Permit) is:

Daniel J. Myers
Dusty Mine Project
55 Canyon Drive
Lovelock, Nevada **89419**

The facility is located on land administered by the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Pershing County, Nevada, within Sections 20 and 30, Township 32 North, Range 32 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 30 miles north northeast of the town of Lovelock, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414, with a maximum production rate of 20,000 tons per year. The facility is designed to extract gold from alluvial ore obtained from the project site. Operations are seasonal, typically from April through November. Water is obtained from an existing water supply well on site. The processing circuit consists of a grizzly, a trommel, a sluice box, other small physical separation components, and two earthen ponds amended with bentonite to reduce infiltration. Tailings must be returned to the mine pits annually and a new layer of bentonite will be placed in each pond. No chemicals or ore crushing are authorized in the process. The total project disturbance area will be less than five (5) acres; otherwise a separate reclamation permit must also be obtained and an approved reclamation bond posted.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination 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 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 24 June 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 Nevada Revised Statutes 445A.665. For more information, contact Tom Gray at (775) 687-9403, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .