



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF INTENT - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 08/27/2014

Deadline for Comments: 09/26/2014

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) gives notice that an application for a major modification to the Reclamation Permit for a mining operation for the Mineral Ridge Mine project has been properly filed with the Division in Carson City. The applicant for Permit 0103 is:

**Mineral Ridge Gold, LLC
1515 7th Street
Elko, Nevada 89801**

This project will be located within Esmeralda County, and is in portion(s) of Sections 31 and 32, Township 1 South, Range 39 East; Sections 35 and 36, Township 1 South, Range 38 East; Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 2 South, Range 38 East; and Sections 5, 6 and 7, Township 2 South, Range 39 East; Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian, approximately 55 miles from the community of Tonopah, Nevada. Mineral Ridge Mine is an existing open pit mining and heap leach processing operation. This major modification to the reclamation permit allows an increase of approximately 165 acres of surface disturbance associated with expanded mining and waste rock storage areas.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Reclamation Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the draft of the permit must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on September 26, 2014. Any person who is directly affected by the application for the permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for the permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on September 26, 2014 to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001
Carson City, NV 89701**

All comments, objections or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Reclamation Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The draft Reclamation Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Richard Gantt at (775) 687-9410, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>