



# 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: 01/16/2014**

**Deadline for Comment: 02/23/2014**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Bald Mountain Mine**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0050045** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Gold U.S., Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 2706**  
**Elko, NV 89803**

The facility is located in White Pine County, Nevada, northwest of Ely. Activity related to this project will occur within all or portions of Township 24 N., Range 56 E., Sections 11-15, and 22-25, as well as Township 24 N., Range 57 E., Sections 5-9, 14-23, 26-30, and 32, MDB&M.

The project consists of open pit mining with associated waste rock dumps, heap leach pads, process ponds, process buildings, and crusher facilities. Ore is processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal (mainly gold) recovery via carbon adsorption. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal 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) 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 23 February 2014) to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 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 Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Paul Eckert at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.