



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 01/27/2014

Deadline for Comment: 03/02/2014

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 **Lone Tree 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 **NEV0090058** (Permit) is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 388
Valmy, NV 89438

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, and 24, Township 34N, Range 42E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 34 miles east of Winnemucca and six miles west of Valmy.

The project consists of a surface mining and chemical beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold from gold-bearing ores, with a maximum permitted production rate of up to 5 million tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit, waste rock dumps, a cyanide heap leach facility, a mill facility, tailings impoundment, solution ponds and monitoring devices. 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 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 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date 31 January 2014, submittal end date 2 March 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>