



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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NOTICE OF DECISION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 12/31/2014

Deadline for Appeal: 01/10/2015

**Discharge Permit No. NEV2014116
Goldrush Exploration Project
Barrick Gold Exploration Inc.**

The Administrator of the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) has decided to issue Discharge Permit NEV2014116 to Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. This Permit authorizes the discharge of up to 1,296,000 gallons per day of clarified drilling water from excavated drill sumps to the land surface and to groundwater on public land in the upper Horse Creek, Pine Creek, Willow Creek, and Dry Creek drainages in Eureka County, Nevada. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.228 through 445A.263, to assure 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 15 January 2015. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, 10 January 2015, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Tom Gray at (775) 687-9403 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during the public comment period.