

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 12/10/2015

Deadline for Comment: 01/09/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a major modification and renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Rochester Mine**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for modification to Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0050037** (Permit) is:

Coeur Rochester, Inc.
P.O. Box 1057
Lovelock, NV 89419

The facility is located on public land in Pershing County, within Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 32, and 33, Township 28 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 28 miles northeast of the town of Lovelock.

The Project consists of an open-pit mining and Merrill-Crowe zinc precipitation beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350-447, designed to extract silver, with a maximum permitted production rate of 20,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of two open-pit mines, crushers, heap leach pads, waste rock disposal sites, ponds, wells, etc. 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 modified Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the modified 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.403, 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 (submittal end date 9 January 2016) 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 Shawn Gooch at (775) 687-9557 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.