



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 renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Santa Fe Mine**, formally 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 **NEV0087053** (Permit) is:

Gateway Gold (USA) Corporation
P.O. Box 18528
Reno, NV 89511

The facility is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Luning in the Gabbs Valley Range, Mineral County. Township 8N, Range 34E, Section 1; Township 8N, Range 35E, Sections 4, 5, and 6; Township 9N, Range 34E, Section 36; and Township 9N, Range 35E, Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, and 33 - Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The Project consisted of an open pit mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 4,120,000 tons of ore per year. The facility was comprised of open pit mines, heap leach pads, ponds, wells, etc. The site has completed active mining and is in permanent closure. All structures have been removed and reclamation activities (regrading and revegetation) are almost completed.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed 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 (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 Kurt F. Kolbe at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.