

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 12/11/2015

Deadline for Comment: 01/10/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Ashdown Mine and Morris Mill** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2005105** is:

**Ashdown Project LLC
P.O. Box 210
Denio, NV 89404**

The facility is located in Humboldt County, within Section 23, Township 45 North (T45N), Range 28 East (R28E), and Section 14, T45N, R29E, MDB&M, approximately 14 miles south-southwest of Denio Junction, Nevada.

The Project consists of a (type) mining and (type) beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394 designed to extract base and precious metals, with a maximum permitted production rate of 36,500 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, mill, tailings impoundment, ponds, and wells. 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 renewed/modified Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed/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 (publication date 11 December 2015, submittal end date 10 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.