



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 04/22/2015

Deadline for Comment: 05/22/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) for the **Boulder Valley Infiltration Project**, a dewatering water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of WPCP **NEV0089068** (Permit) is:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.
P.O. Box 29
Elko, NV 89803

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Sections 22, 23, 24, 27, 32, 33, and 34, Township 36 North (T36N), Range 49 East (R49E); Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T35N, R49E; Sections 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, T35N, R48E; Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 27, T34N, R49E; and Sections 1, 2, 11, 14, and 15, T34N, R48E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 27 miles north of Carlin, Nevada.

The Project consists of a dewatering water management facility designed to manage, treat, and reintroduce dewatering water to groundwater, with a maximum permitted discharge rate of 101 million gallons per day. The facility is comprised of a cooling channel, reservoir, two stages of water treatment, rapid infiltration basins, and all pipes, pumps, and valves used for conveyance. 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 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 22 May 2015) 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 Joe Sawyer at (775) 687-9406 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .