

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 08/20/2015

Deadline for Comment: 09/19/2015

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Three Hills Mine Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2015107** (Permit) is:

WK Mining (USA) Ltd.
550 Burrard Street
Bentall Tower 5--Suite 788
Vancouver, BC Canada V6C 2B5

The facility is located on public and private land in Esmeralda County, within Sections 33 and 34, Township 03 North (T03N), Range 42 East (R42E); and Sections 3, 4, and 5, T02N, R42E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 2 miles west of the town of Tonopah.

The Project consists of a surface mining and chemical beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through 445A.447, designed to extract gold with a maximum permitted production rate of 5,475,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of a surface mine, mill, heap leach pad, ponds, wells, and ancillary facilities. 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 new Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the new 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 (publication date: 20 August 2015, submittal end date 19 September 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 Rob Kuczynski, P.E., at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.