

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Web Posting: 04/14/2016**

**Deadline for Comment: 05/13/2016**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit, as a Closure Permit, for the **Storm Underground Mine Project**, formerly a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2004109** (Permit) is:

**Barrick Gold Exploration Inc.  
P.O. Box 29  
Elko, NV 89803**

The Storm Underground Mine is located in Elko County, approximately 30 miles northwest of Carlin, Nevada. The mine is located in Township 36 North (T36N), Range 49 East (R49E), Sections 3, 4, and 9 and T37N, R49E, Sections 27, 33, and 34, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The mine is accessed through the pit wall of the former Dee Gold Mining Company Dee Pit.

The project is in closure, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.396. The project consisted of an underground mining facility, designed to extract precious metal ore (mainly gold) for processing at an off-site, permitted facility. The facility is comprised of the underground mine, waste rock disposal area and support facilities. No processing of ore was conducted at the site. 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.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 13 May 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 Karl W. McCrea at (775) 687-9407 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.