

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 09/07/2016

Deadline for Comment: 10/07/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Humboldt Modular Mill Project**, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2009111** (Permit) is:

Springer Mining Company
1304 N. Government Way; Suite 212
Hayden, ID 83835

The facility is located on private land in Pershing County, within Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 7 miles north-northwest of the town of Mill City.

The Project consists of a large scale beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold and silver, with a maximum permitted production rate of 73,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of a single-lined Ore Stockpile Area, a single-lined Process Plant Area, a pre-fabricated modular froth flotation and gravity separation mill, 2 double-lined and leak detected tailings impoundments, a double-lined and leak detected External Leakage Collection and Evaporation Cell, double-walled solution conveyance pipelines, make-up water and water quality monitoring wells, engineered stormwater diversion structures, and associated infrastructure. An issued permit will not authorize mining. 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 7 October 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 Natasha Zittel at (775) 687-9413 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.