

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 3/24/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Big Springs Project-2**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2015103** (Permit) is:

Anova Metals USA LLC
1001 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204

The facility is located on public land in Elko County, within portions of Sections 1, 2, and 11; Township 42 North, Range 53 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 54 miles north of the town of Elko.

The Project consists of surface and underground mining, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through 445A.447, designed to extract gold-bearing ore, with a maximum permitted mine production rate of 230,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, administrative, maintenance, and fueling facilities, stockpile pad, diversion structures ponds and basins, and wells. All processing will occur at a Nevada-permitted facility. 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 Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the 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: 23 February 2016, submittal end date 24 March 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>.