



## **NOTICE OF INTENT - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Date of Posting: 09/16/2024**

**Deadline for Comments: 10/16/2024**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) gives notice that an application for a modification to a Reclamation Permit for a Mining Project for the **Colado Mine & Mill** has been properly filed with the Division in Carson City. The applicant for the major modification to Permit 0182 (Permit) is:

**EP Minerals, LLC  
A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of U.S. Silica Company  
9785 Gateway Drive, Ste. 1000  
Reno, NV 89521**

This project will be located within Pershing County, and is in portions of Sections 4, Township 27 North, Range 32 East; Sections 1, 11-15, and 22-27, Township 28 North, Range 28 East; Sections 6-8, 16-21, and 30, Township 28 North, Range 29 East; Sections 28, 33, and 34, Township 28 North, Range 32 East; and Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 29 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately six miles from the community of Lovelock, Nevada. Colado Mine is a diatomaceous earth mine consisting of seven separate areas of mining and exploration across 1,455.9 acres of public and private land.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Reclamation Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A.190, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery, facsimile, e-mail transmittal or US Postal Service, no later than 5:00PM on October 16, 2024, to:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 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 this Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200.

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 Statutes Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Victoria Wrubel at (775) 687-9402, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation public notice website at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/land>.