



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comments: 02/15/2025

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Toiyabe Exploration Project II**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2018110** (Permit) is:

Nevada Gold Mines, LLC
1655 Mountain City Highway
Elko, NV 89801

The facility is located on public land in Lander County, within Sections 33-35, T26 N, R46E; Sections 7, 18, 19, T25N, R47E; Sections 1-3, 10-15, 23-26 T25N R46E, MDB&M, approximately 40 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The Project is a gold exploration drilling program discharging up to 36,000 gallons per day of spent drilling cuttings and fluid into constructed sumps for sedimentation and clarification, pursuant to NAC 445A.228 through 445A.263. Decant water meeting background groundwater quality or drinking water standards is allowed to infiltrate to groundwater.

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 15 February 2025) 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 Allie Thibault at (775) 687-9404 or visit the Division public notice website at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/land>.