# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF MINING REGULATION AND RECLAMATION RECLAMATION PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** 3PL Operating Inc.

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**PROJECT NAME:** Railroad Valley Exploration

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Sections 1 and 2, Sections 10-13, and Section 24, Township 6 North,

Range 55 East; Sections 3-10, Sections 17-19, Township 6 North, Range 56 East; Sections 35 and 36, Township 7, Range 55 East; Sections 1, 19, and 28-35, Township 7 North, Range 56 East; Sections 5-8, Sections 17-19, Township 7 North, Range 56 East; Sections 24-26, and Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 56 East; Sections 7, 8, 17-21, and Sections 28-33, Township 8 North, Range 57 East; Mount

Diablo Baseline and Meridian, Nye County, Nevada

PERMIT NUMBER: 0436 BLM CASE NUMBER: NVNV105853705

PROJECT TYPE: Lithium Exploration AMENDMENTS: None

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 519A.010 to 519A.280, inclusive, and regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Environmental Commission as Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A.010 to 519A.415, inclusive, and implemented by the Division of Environmental Protection (hereinafter the Division), this permit authorizes 3PL Operation Inc. (3PL) to reclaim the Railroad Valley Exploration Project consistent with the conditions of this permit and the reclamation plan dated, May 19, 2025 entitled Railroad Valley Exploration Project NVN-100566/NVNV105853705 Plan of Operations & Nevada Reclamation Permit Application.

This permit is effective as of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, and upon receipt by the Division of an acceptable surety, or verification from the federal land management agency that satisfactory surety has been posted. A surety is required by NAC 519A.350 prior to engaging in the activities authorized by this permit. Unless it is modified, suspended or revoked by the Division, this permit is valid for the life of the project. The permit will not now or in the future serve as a determination of ownership or the validity of any mining claim to which it might relate.

The Permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of this permit and all applicable statutes and regulations.

Issued this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Ashley Taylor, P.E., Chief

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

#### 1. Permitted Disturbances

A. Disturbance Acreage Table: All disturbances are located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

AUTHORIZED PUBLIC LA	AND DISTURE	BANCE	
DISTURBANCE TYPE:	Authorized Disturbance Acres	Proposed Disturbance Acres	TOTAL
Exploration Roads & Pads (Including sumps)			
-	Public	Public	Public
Authorized Notice Disturbance (NVNV105846786)	5.0	0.0	5.0
Access Roads	0.0	20.2	20.2
Drill Sites	0.0	4.7	4.7
Yard Areas, etc.			
Work and Laydown Yards	-	9.3	9.3
TOTAL DISTURBANCE (acres)	5.0	34.2	39.2

B. Drill holes will be plugged in accordance with the provisions specified in Chapter 534 of the Nevada Administrative Code. All drill hole cuttings, grout, and fluids shall be contained in sumps constructed at the drill sites. No more than Nine (9) drill holes and wells will remain unplugged at any one time.

#### 2. Departure from Approved Plan for Reclamation

- A. Except in the case of an emergency, the operator may not depart from the approved plan for reclamation without a modification approved by the Division.
- B. When an operator submits an amended plan of operation to the federal agency, a copy shall also be filed with the Division.

#### 3. Fees

- A. On or before April 15 of each year submit the fees as required by NAC 519A.235.
- B. On or before April 15 of each year submit the fees as required by NRS 519A.260.

# 4. Reports

A. On or before April 15 of each year, the operator shall submit a report (NRS 519A.260), in a format specified by the Division, relating to the status and production of the operation and identifying each acre of land affected and land reclaimed by the operation.

#### 5. Project Completion, Abandonment or Suspension of Work

- A. The Division shall be notified in writing within ninety (90) days after an operation is complete or abandoned. The notice must state the date on which the activities for reclamation will begin as specified in NAC 519A.320.
- B. The Division shall be notified in writing within ninety (90) days after work is suspended at the operation for more than one-hundred-twenty (120) days. The notice must state the nature and reason for the suspension; the anticipated duration of the suspension; and any event which would reasonably be expected to result in either the resumption of activities or the abandonment of the operation. The operator is not required to notify the Division of a temporary closure caused by weather conditions.

# 6. Surety

- A. The Division and appropriate federal land management agency(s) shall review the estimate of the cost for reclamation submitted by the operator and determine if the estimate is adequate or reasonably sufficient to complete all required reclamation.
- B. The operator shall file and maintain an acceptable surety as specified in NAC 519A.350 to ensure that reclamation will be completed. The surety amount will be based on the approved cost for reclamation.
- C. Within three (3) years after the effective date of this permit and at least every three (3) years thereafter, the operator shall submit to the Division and the appropriate federal land management agency(s) an updated estimate of the cost for reclamation to determine whether the surety amount is still adequate to execute the approved reclamation plan. Inflation must be considered.
- D. The Division and the appropriate federal land management agency(s) may approve release of surety either in whole or in part at the request of the operator. The operator must provide documentation on reclamation work completed and/or stages of process fluid stabilization completed before any portion of the surety may be released. (See Attachment A)
- E. Release of the surety amount for reclamation of a specific component or discrete part of a disturbance does not release the operator from liability for reclamation of that component of disturbance should the reclamation fail to meet the requirements of this permit.

# 7. Inspection of Exploration Project and/or Mining Operation

A. The operator shall allow authorized representatives of the Division, and the appropriate federal land management agency(s) to inspect the operation, during normal business hours, to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit and the status of reclamation activities.

#### 8. Notice of Noncompliance/Suspension or Revocation of Permit

- A. A notice of noncompliance may be issued by the Division if an operator fails to comply with the provisions of NAC 519A.010 to 519A.415, inclusive; Chapter 519A of NRS; or an approved plan for reclamation.
- B. The Division may suspend or revoke this permit if the operator does not resolve the noncompliance or agree to a corrective plan of action approved by the Division.
- C. The surety posted by the operator may be forfeited if the permit is suspended or revoked, or the operator ceases to conduct business in the State of Nevada and does not transfer the permit to a new operator.

#### 9. General Requirements

- A. The operator shall maintain a copy of this permit and all modifications at the permitted project or operation at all times.
- B. The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected.
- C. Any noncompliance with this permit shall be reported orally to the Division within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the operator has knowledge of the circumstances. A written summary shall be provided within ten (10) days after the oral report is made.
- D. Any changes in the operator's name or address shall be reported within ten (10) days to the Division in writing, and must indicate the permit number and appropriate changes.
- E. Any changes in Corporation/Partnership/Proprietorship name, officers, or address shall be reported within ten (10) days to the Division in writing, and must indicate the permit number and appropriate changes.

- F. The operator shall meet the revegetation standards as set forth in Attachment B.
- G. The operator shall provide a cumulative disturbance map annually, **on or before April** 15<sup>th</sup> **of each year**, which accurately depicts locations of drill roads and drill pads, including breakdown of lengths and widths of disturbed areas. The cumulative disturbance map shall reflect site conditions as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous calendar year and shall state what methods were utilized to verify disturbance sizes and acreages

#### 10. Schedule of Compliance

- A. The permittee shall achieve compliance in accordance with the following schedule:
  - 1. On or before **July 1, 2026,** collect data and submit a baseline report to establish the site-specific revegetation release criteria for this project in accordance with the Attachment B guideline included with this permit.
  - 2. On or before **April 15 of each year**, provide a map showing locations of completed exploration wells along with the as-built drawings, as of December 31 of the subject year.

Permit Modification History:

06/10/2025: Issuance of Notice of Final Decision and Final Reclamation Permit #0436