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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Date of Web Posting: 09/03/2026

Deadline for Comments: 10/03/2026

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Big Ledge Discharge Closure Project**, a dewatering management facility, has been properly filed with the NDEP in Carson City. The Applicant for the of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2026122** (Permit) is:

**National Oilwell Varco, L.P.
905 Railroad St., Ste 104
Elko, NV 89801**

The facility is located on public land in Elko County, within Section 26, T42N, R61E, MDB&M, approximately 37 miles north of the town of Wells, Nevada.

The Project is in permanent closure, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.446 and consists of a discharge to groundwater from the dewatering of a pit lake after undergoing reverse osmosis treatment to meet Profile 1, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.232.1 and NAC 445A.232.8.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Permit or deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the new Permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Permit, recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or request a public hearing pursuant to NAC 445A.238, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery, U.S. Postal Service, 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 3 October 2026) to:

Nevada 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 NDEP determines that 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 NDEP and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Crystal Borotto at (775) 687-9401 or visit the NDEP public notice website at www.ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/land.