

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Date of Posting: 05/03/2023

Deadline for Comments: 06/02/2023

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) gives notice that an application for a renewal Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Silver Peak Lithium Project**, has been properly filed with NDEP in Carson City. The Applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0070005** (Permit) is:

Albemarle U.S., Inc.
Silver Peak Lithium Project
P.O. Box 98
Silver Peak. NV 89047

The facility is located on public and private land in Esmeralda County, within portions of Sections 26-28, T1S, R40E; Sections 1, 12, 13, and 21-25, T2S, R39E; and Sections 1-11, 15-20, and 29-32, T2S, R40E, MDB&M, approximately 40 miles southwest of Tonopah.

The project consists of a brine extraction, evapoconcentration, and chemical process facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394.

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.403, 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 2 June 2023) 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,

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contact Robert Kuczynski, P.E., Chief NDEP-BMRR at (775) 687-9397 or visit the NDEP public notice website at www.ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/land.