NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 10/11/2022
Deadline for Comment: 11/10/2022

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for Wood Gulch Mine Project, formally a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088010 (Permit) is:

Homestake Mining Company of California
310 S. Main Street, Suite 1150
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

The facility is located in Elko County within Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36 of Township 44 North (T44N), Range 53 East (R53E), Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 60 miles northwest of Elko, Nevada at an elevation of approximately 7,500 feet above mean sea level (AMSL).

The Wood Gulch Mine Project was a small gold mining facility that consisted of two interconnected open pits, one waste rock facility, one valley-fill heap leach pad, one pregnant solution pond, one barren pond, one seepage collection pond and one freshwater pond. Additional facilities onsite included a processing plant, crusher, road infrastructure, and office buildings.

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 10 November 2022) 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 Lisa A. Kreskey at lkreskey@ndep.nv.gov or visit the Division public notice website at https://ndep.nv.gov/posts.