

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the  
State of Nevada  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action.

The Director received an application for an Operating Permit to Construct (OPTC) roll-over to Class I Air Quality Operating Permit, AP1041-4473 (FIN A2039) from the following applicant:

Walker Lane Minerals Corporation  
P.O. Box 247  
Mina, Nevada 89420

Walker Lane Minerals Corporation – Isabella Pearl Mine (Isabella Pearl) is located approximately 25 miles Northeast of Hawthorne, Nevada. The project is located in all or portions of Section 34, Township 9N, Range 34E, M.D.B.&M.

Isabella Pearl is proposing to transition their OPTC (AP1041-3897) to a new Class I Title V Air Quality Operating Permit. The facility is a gold recovery operation that utilizes metallic ore processes, heap leaching technology, and a refinery to extract gold from the ore mined from the pits. Metallic ore processes include crushing, screening, and transfers, which is included in the Class II AQOP (AP1041-3853). The refinery includes a mercury retort, melt furnace, carbon regeneration kiln, and a fluid circuit.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue the proposed Class I Air Quality Operating Permit based on a review of the information submitted. A copy of this document, the draft operating permit, and the Director's Review will be available for public inspection at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts>.

Persons wishing to comment regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail within thirty (30) days to:

Jaimie Mara  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701  
[aircomments@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:aircomments@ndep.nv.gov)

The application, Director's Review, proposed permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at NDEP, above address, until **May 15, 2024**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the proposed Class I Air Quality Operating Permit.

The BAPC will submit the proposed Class I Air Quality Operating Permit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a 45-day review period on the same day the 30-day public comment period commences. If the BAPC has not addressed any received comments in a satisfactory manner, and the EPA does not object to the Class I Air Quality Operating Permit during its review period, the public may submit a petition to the EPA requesting to reconsider issuance within 60 days after the expiration of the 45-day review period.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all interested persons.