

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Web Posting: 09/08/2016**

**Deadline for Comment: 10/08/2016**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **South Area Leach Project**, 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 **NEV0088011** (Permit) is:

**Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation**  
**1655 Mountain City Highway**  
**Elko, NV 89801-2800**

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 33 North (T33N), Range 51 East (R51E), and Sections 6, 7, and 18, T33N, R52E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 6 miles northwest of the town of Carlin.

The Project consists of an open pit and underground mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394, designed to extract gold and silver, with a maximum permitted production rate of 24,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit mine, an underground mine, two heap leach pads, double-synthetically lined process ponds, a carbon adsorption processing plant, groundwater monitoring wells, and associated pipelines, valves, and pumps used in conveyance, control, or detection of process fluids between process components. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 8 October 2016) 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 Matthew Schulenberg at (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.