

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 09/07/2016

Deadline for Comment: 10/07/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Cove Helen Rapid Infiltration Basins**, an infiltration water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2010107** is:

**Au-Reka Gold Corporation
Cove Helen Rapid Infiltration Basins
2080 East Frontage Road
Battle Mountain, NV 89820**

The facility is located in Lander County, within Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 28 North (T28N), Range 42 East (R42E); Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T28N, R43E; Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, T28N, R42E; and Sections 30 and 31, T29N, R43E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The project site is approximately 32 miles southwest of Battle Mountain and 57 miles northwest of Austin.

The Project consists of a dewatering water management facility designed to manage and reintroduce dewatering water to groundwater, with a maximum permitted infiltration rate of 3,600,000 gallons per day. The facility is comprised of two rapid infiltration basins, three previously approved but not constructed contingency rapid infiltration basins, monitoring wells, piezometers, and all associated pipes, pumps, and valves used for conveyance of water between components. Other than the approved discharge, 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 determination to issue the Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the Permit renewal, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Chapter 445A, must submit their 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 7 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 Michelle Griffin at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.