ENVIRONMENTAL

No. 58091

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Date of filing in State Engineer's Office SEP 16 1992

Returned to applicant for correction

Corrected application filed

Map filed SEP 16 1992 under 57921-E

The applicant SONORA MINING CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 1418 (Street and No. or P.O. Box No.), of JAMESTOWN (City or Town),

CALIFORNIA, 95327 (State and Zip Code No.), hereby makes application for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada, as hereinafter stated. (If applicant is a corporation, give date and place of incorporation; if a copartnership or association, give names of members.) JUNE 1, 1983 - NEVADA

1. The source of the proposed appropriation is underground (Name of stream, lake, spring, underground or other source)

2. The amount of water applied for is 0.10 cfs (One second-foot equals 448.83 gals. per min.) second-feet

   (a) If stored in reservoir give number of acre-feet

3. The water to be used for GROUND WATER RESTORATION & MILL SUPPLY ENVIRONMENTAL (Irrigation, power, mining, manufacturing, domestic, or other use. Must limit to one use.)

4. If use is for:

   (a) Irrigation, state number of acres to be irrigated

   (b) Stockwater, state number and kinds of animals to be watered

   (c) Other use (describe fully under No. 12. "Remarks"

   (d) Power:

      (1) Horsepower developed

      (2) Point of return of water to stream

5. The water is to be diverted from its source at the following point IN THE NW¼ SW¼ SECTION 18 (Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision of public survey, and by course and distance to a section corner. If on unsurveyed land, it should be so stated.) TOWNSHIP 13N RANGE 24E M.D.M. FROM WHICH POINT THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18 BEARS NORTH 23°41'31"EAST 2894.87', N22°04'12"E 2722.67', N16°49'29"E 2297.39', AND N6°14'19"E 2242.21'

6. Place of use EXISTING PONDS IN THE SE¼ OF NE¼ AND NE¼ SE¼ OF SECTION 13 (Describe by legal subdivision. If on unsurveyed land, it should be so stated.) TOWNSHIP 13N RANGE 23E M.D.M. AND SW¼ NW¼ AND NW¼ SW¼ OF SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP 13N RANGE 24E M.D.M.

7. Use will begin about JANUARY 1 (Month and Day) and end about DECEMBER 31 (Month and Day), of each year.

8. Description of proposed works. (Under the provisions of NRS 535.010 you may be required to submit plans and specifications of your diversion or storage works.) THREE WELLS WITH 1HP SUBMERSIBLE PUMP WILL BE USED TO INTERCEPT CONTAMINATED GROUND WATER BELOW AN UNLINED TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT (State manner in which water is to be diverted, i.e. diversion structure, ditches and flumes, drilled well with pump and motor, etc.)

9. Estimated cost of works $64,000.00

10. Estimated time required to construct works ONE YEAR
If well completed, describe works.

11. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use TWO YEARS

12. Remarks: For use other than irrigation or stock watering, state number and type of units to be served or annual consumptive use:

THE PURPOSE OF THESE WELLS IS TO COLLECT GROUND WATER THAT HAS BEEN AFFECTED SEEPAGE FROM UNLINED GOLD TAILINGS. COLLECTED WATER WILL BE PUMPED TO TWO LINED TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENTS AND USED IN PLACE OF MAKE-UP WATER FOR THE MILL

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Protested

APPROVAL OF STATE ENGINEER

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application, and do hereby grant the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

This permit is issued subject to existing rights on the source. It is understood that the amount of water herein granted is only a temporary allowance for pollution control as mandated by orders issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and subsequent correspondence with said agency. A totalizing meter must be installed and maintained in the discharge pipeline near the point of diversion. It is also understood that this right must allow for a reasonable lowering of the static water level of permittee's well due to other ground water development in the area. The well shall be equipped with a 2-inch opening for measuring depth to water. The State retains the right to regulate the use of water granted herein at any and all times.

* The right will cease to exist upon termination of clean up activity as determined by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

This permit does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate lands.

The total combined duty of water under Permits 48597, 57921-E and 58091-E shall not exceed 61.2 million gallons annually.

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The amount of water to be appropriated shall be limited to the amount which can be applied to beneficial use, and not to exceed 0.1 cubic feet per second, but not to exceed 23.6 million gallons annually.

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and be completed on or before

Proof of completion of work shall be filed before

Application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before

Proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before *

Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before

Completion of work filed

Proof of beneficial use filed

Cultural map filed

Certificate No. Issued

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, R. MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, P.E. State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this 13th day of November, A.D. 1992

R. Michael Turnipseed P.E.
State Engineer

(PERMIT TERMS CONTINUED)

The issuance of this permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from State, Federal and local agencies.

Monthly records shall be kept of the amount of water pumped from this well and the records submitted to the State Engineer on a quarterly basis within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

This permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 533.4375. Well drillers reports for any well(s) drilled under this permit shall be filed within 30 days from the completion of the well.

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the permittee shall notify the State Engineer of such completion and all wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with Chapter 534 of the Nevada Administrative Code.