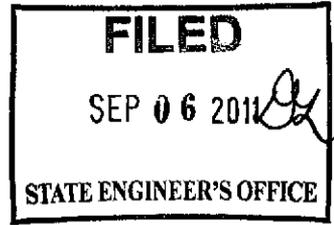


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER...80998...
FILED BY...PILOT METALS INC...
ON...JULY 25..., 2011..., TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF ...UNDERGROUND...

PROTEST

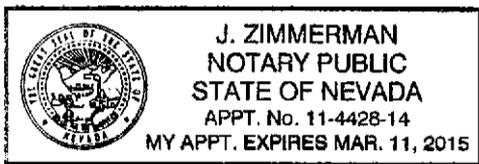
Comes now...the USDI, Bureau of Land Management...
whose post office address is...P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049...
whose occupation is ...U.S. Government Agency... and protests the granting
of Application Number ...80998..., filed on ...July 25..., 2011...
by ....Pilot Metals Inc...to appropriate the
waters of ....Underground...situated in ..Esmeralda...
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

The applicant has not attempted to obtain or demonstrated that it can obtain the necessary legal interest (right-of-way) on lands of
the United States, under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of the Interior, to extract, develop and transport water from
the point of diversion to a point of use. Therefore, the applicant cannot show that the water will ever be placed in beneficial use.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be ....Denied...
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed ...Thomas J. Seley...
Thomas J. Seley, Field Manager, Tonopah Field Office...
Address... P.O. Box 911...
Tonopah, NV 89049...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ...31st... day of ...August..., 2011...



J. Zimmerman... Notary Public
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County of ...Nye...

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