



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING AN
APPLICATION ADDENDUM FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE
AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE**

PROPOSED ACTION: Midas Gold Idaho, Inc., Stibnite, Idaho, applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct and operate an air pollution-emitting source located at the intersection of Forest Service Roads NF-374 and NF-412. On December 18, 2020, DEQ received an addendum to the permit application from Midas Gold Idaho, Inc. to address substantive comments received during previous public comment periods concerning the emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) and toxic air pollutants (TAP). DEQ has updated the proposed permit and technical review, and has crafted a response to comments document in response to the HAP/TAP addendum and all public comments received to date. An additional 30-day public comment period is being provided to allow for review and comment on these updates.

DEQ has determined that construction and operation according to the proposed permit will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ has reviewed the application and completed an analysis of the information submitted by the applicant for an open-pit gold mine and operation of on-site ore processing, ore concentration and refining, and ancillary equipment. Based on this analysis, DEQ proposes to issue the permit to construct to Midas Gold Idaho, Inc., Stibnite.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Notice is given that DEQ has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No. AQ-1675, concerning updates to the air quality aspects of the project application and updates to the proposed permit in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209. The application materials, the proposed permit, and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's Web site at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS—ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

Anyone may submit written comment regarding updates to the project and proposed permit. Note that DEQ is only seeking and reviewing comments to the updates to the proposed permit. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include supporting materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Whitney Rowley, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255; whitney.rowley@deq.idaho.gov; or to the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or questions. All information regarding this matter, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis, will be available on DEQ's website.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Morrie Lewis at (208) 373-0502.

All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m., MST/MDT, March 19, 2021.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2021.

Whitney Rowley
Air Quality Division