



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

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Perpetua Resources 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 September 23, 2021, and October 6, 2021, DEQ received an addendum to the permit application from Perpetua Resources 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) and the lime plant status determination. DEQ has updated the proposed permit and technical review with highlighted text, in response to the HAP/TAP addendum and all public comments received to date. An additional 30-day extension of the 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 to 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 Perpetua Resources Idaho, Inc., Stibnite.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Notice is given that DEQ has scheduled an additional 30-day period to receive public comments under Docket No. AQ-1700 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and 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 the project and 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 Kelli Wetzel, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255; [kelli.wetzel@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:kelli.wetzel@deq.idaho.gov); or to the DEQ's 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 Kelli Wetzel 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., March 16th, 2022.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Kelli Wetzel  
Air Quality Division