

## **Public Notice - 401 Certification/Dredge or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements Application**

**Date:**

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**Project Name:**

Brownie North Project, Located in the City of Brawley, Imperial County, California 92227.  
WDID No. 7A133167001, RM 444431, Place ID 875615

**Receiving Water:**

Vista Well Area, unnamed ephemeral braided channels

**Location:**

City or area: Brawley City, Imperial County, California  
Latitude: 33°03'53" N  
Longitude: 114°59'49" W  
Section/Township/Range: SEC 5 and 6, T13, R19, SBB&M

**Project Description:**

The purpose of the Project is to implement an exploratory program (Program) that would gather additional geological data to determine the viability of mining the Brownie North area of Mesquite Mine. Specifically, the Program will help better define the mineralization in the Brownie North area and whether development of the Brownie North area is economically feasible. This Program will fill data gaps in WMMI's (New Gold Corp) existing knowledge and allow WMMI to further develop a geological model for the area. Implementation of this Program is a pre-requisite for mine planning activities required to complete feasibility studies for future development. If exploration is successful, there would be economic opportunity for WMMI to be able to continue to maintain its employment and taxes in Imperial County. Mining operations typically provide high paying, including both low and high-skilled, jobs with a significant "multiplier effect" of local spending and supply cascading through the economy.

**Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:**

September 2021 – March 2022

**US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):**

n/a

**Action:**

Pending

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