SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2000

BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY
(*Exact name of registrant as specified in charter*)

Nevada	1-9666	76-0151431
(*State or other jurisdiction of incorporation*)	(*Commission File Number*)	(*IRS Employer Identification No.*)

333 Clay Street, 42nd Floor Houston, Texas	77002
(*Address, of principal executive offices*)	(*Zip Code*)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 650-6400

Not applicable
(*former name or former address, if changed since last report*)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

5.1 Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is certain information regarding adverse water rights/water quality ruling on the Crown Jewel mine, as presented in a press releases dated January 19, 2000.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Battle Mountain Gold Company dated January 19, 2000.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 11, 2000.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Greg V. Etter
Name: Greg V. Etter
Title: Vice President and General Counsel

Exhibit 99.1

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD RECEIVES ADVERSE WATER RIGHTS/WATER QUALITY RULING ON CROWN JEWEL MINE

Houston, January 19, 2000 -- Battle Mountain Gold Company (BMG-NYSE; BMC-TSE) today said that the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) has granted appeals brought by opposition to the Crown Jewel project regarding water rights and 401 Water Quality Certification for the Crown Jewel mine. The ruling reverses the Reports of Examination for the water rights and vacates the 401 Certification, which were issued by the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE).

BMG President and Chief Operating Officer, John A. Keyes, said that the Company is outraged by the PCHB ruling, adding that it is particularly disappointing that the PCHB has chosen to ignore the many years of work and technical study conducted by the WDOE and its consultants, which found the project to meet all necessary criteria. As the Director of the WDOE stated with respect to Crown Jewel, 'No other proposal has received this level of environmental scrutiny.'

Keyes noted that the decision is appealable, and that the Company is currently reviewing its options.

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