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## **ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT JANUARY, 2004**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Administrator attended the monthly meeting of the Natural Resources cabinet.
- Administrator participated in a conference call concerning the NDEP database project being assisted by the USACE and SAIC.
- Administrator met with NDEP and BLM concerning the Bond Pool paying for the clean-up of hazardous materials at the Gooseberry Mine site.
- Administrator assisted Bob Gibson, BLM-NSO, with candidates for the 2004 BLM National Hardrock Reclamation Award.
- Staff facilitated, attended, and participated in the Commission on Mineral Resources meeting in Las Vegas. Toured the Desert Research Institute's Atomic Testing Museum.
- Administrator was interviewed by the Las Vegas Sun concerning the mercury contamination of an individual in Las Vegas.
- Administrator was interviewed by the Wall Street Journal concerning the increase in mining claims in Nevada.
- Administrator attended the monthly meeting of the GSN 2005 Symposium Committee.
- Administrator and staff met with the Nevada Office of Industries of the Future and the State Energy Office to review the status of the current DOE grants.
- Administrator and staff attended a BLM/industry geothermal meeting concerning leasing and permitting issues.
- Administrator met with Larry Kennedy of Senator Reid's office concerning funding for the USACE RAMS program.
- Administrator investigated a report by the Department of Wildlife concerning un-permitted geothermal wells supposedly drilled by the Navy in the Carson Lake pasture near Fallon NAS.
- Administrator spoke with George Taylor, AG's Office, concerning the sale of equipment at the Gooseberry Mine site.

### **MINING**

- Staff toured the Esmeralda Mine with NDEP.
- Staff assisted the Nevada Secretary of State's Securities Division to get a cease and desist order against Manhattan Gold Inc. of Galveston, Texas. Manhattan Gold made false statements to investors about their interest in certain mining properties in Nevada, including the Manhattan Mill.

- Staff spoke to several potential out-of-state investors regarding a supposed Nevada mining operation of questionable nature.
- Staff spoke to Lisa Cummings, World Presidents Organization, regarding an upcoming meeting in Las Vegas on natural resources. Agreed to meet with their planning committee and offer assistance on topics and field trips related to mining.
- Staff spoke to Larry Turner, MK Gold, and Bob Zaebst, Viceroy Gold, regarding Nevada Pacific Gold's possible acquisition of Viceroy's interest in the Castle Mountain Joint Venture in California. Nevada Pacific is interested in a renewed exploration program on the property.
- Staff spoke to Doug Prihar, MAP, regarding the upcoming Compressed Air workshops through the DOE Office of Industrial Technology Best Practices program.
- Staff spoke to Don Foster, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, regarding the upcoming meeting with mine managers in Elko on the Nevada Industries of the Future program and research and development opportunities.
- Staff spoke to representatives of a Chinese mining delegation from Shanghai and Los Angeles, and declined to assist them by writing a letter of invitation for several members denied visas by the US Embassy.
- Staff visited the Goldsprings' operations by Silver City.
- Staff met with John Hedges to discuss the progress on due diligence for a possible cement plant in Clark County.
- Staff met with representatives of the Las Vegas Chapter of World Presidents Organizations to discuss their upcoming conference on natural resources and offered suggestions on speakers and field trips.
- Staff discussed several mining fraud cases with representatives of the Secretary of State's Securities Division.
- Staff met with Dennis Anderson and Jimmy Godfrey, Casualty and Surety Inc., to discuss surety issues for the Nevada mining industry.
- Staff attended and participated in the Nevada Miners & Prospectors meeting in Reno.
- Staff assisted Ed Devenyns' Metallic Ventures, with an article for the Nevada Washington Watch.
- Staff spoke with AngloGold regarding abandoned drill holes.
- Staff spoke with Jerrit Hyatt regarding the start of a Clark County aggregate operation.
- Staff worked on sending out the annual status & production forms for metallic mining operations.
- Staff reviewed the administrative draft of RM-EIS for the Ely District Field Office of the BLM.

#### **RECLAMATION BOND POOL**

- Staff met with NDEP and the BLM on the plan of action for the Gooseberry Mine Hazmat removal.
- Staff met with three representatives from International Risk Group

- regarding bonding.
- Staff spoke with John Hogg regarding the Copper Basin reclamation bond.

### **ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)**

- Staff attended and participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Sparks.
- Staff met with patented mine owners regarding securing work in Clark County.
- Staff discovered and ranked 6 AML hazardous sites in Clark County.
- Staff secured 2 AML hazardous sites in Clark County.
- Staff gave depositions in the case of Best of the Desert v Davies in Las Vegas.
- Staff secured 5 AML hazardous sites in Clark County as part of an Eagle Scout securing project.
- Staff spoke to Mike Rauschkolb, US Borax, regarding AML securing issues in southern Nevada.
- Staff worked on Clark County AML orphan sites suitable for 2004 backfilling.
- Staff e-mailed the summer intern job descriptions and announcement to Leslie Rumph at UNR.
- Staff submitted print-outs, hazard ID sheets, and location maps of unsecured USFS orphans to Bob Vaught, Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- Staff identified and ranked 25 AML hazardous sites in Esmeralda County, 19 sites were found already fenced.

### **OIL AND GAS**

- Staff coordinated oil well drilling activity for 3 wildcat wells being drilled.
- Staff assisted the Nevada Petroleum Society with its upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> year of oil production celebration.

### **GEOHERMAL**

- Staff met with Jerry Nix, DOE, regarding grant money to fund the Geothermal Update newsletter and assist the state of Alaska with geothermal.

### **EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

- Staff gave an AML presentation to a scout troop in Las Vegas.
- Staff made 2 mineral & commodity /AML presentations to approximately 70 Reno 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Staff attended and participated in the NvMA Education Committee meeting in Reno.