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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Administrator assisted Don Decker concerning mining claims in an area where the surface rights are being purchased using SNPLMA money.
- Administrator assisted Merilee Joyce concerning information on the proposed Phoenix project near Battle Mountain.
- Administrator submitted an article on the Abandoned Mine Lands program to Joyce Communications.
- Staff facilitated, attended, and participated in the Commission on Mineral Resources meeting in Winnemucca and toured Newmont's Phoenix project.
- Administrator and staff participated in the Minerals Education Teachers' Workshop in Las Vegas.
- Staff attended the Interim Finance Committee meeting regarding medallion royalty.
- Administrator met with Craig Smith, NDEP, and American Asphalt at the Comstock Mill site near Virginia City concerning AML issues.
- Staff and the administrator met with the Budget Division concerning work programs for personnel and AML expenses.
- CMR Chairman Gibson and administrator attended the annual McCaw School of Mines dinner in Las Vegas.

### **MINING**

- Staff composed the press release for the 2003 mineral production.
- Staff reviewed, commented and supported the Clearinghouse document regarding the Fonsi for Nevada Cement's Exploration Plan.
- Staff spoke with Newmont personnel regarding the exploration survey.
- Staff worked on the write-up for the Major Mines 2003 booklet.

### **BOND POOL**

- Staff attended Combined Metals Reduction Company's bankruptcy hearing in Reno. Spoke with the BLM and they will be rescinding the demand letter for the bond.
- Staff began the review of AuEx LLC's reclamation bond application.
- Staff terminated Wesley Bennett's reclamation bond for \$1,200.
- Staff spoke with BLM and NDEP regarding the upcoming reclamation work at the Gooseberry Mine.

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

- Staff offered positions to five summer interns, four field interns to start 5/17/04, and the database intern to start 6/7/04.

- Staff discovered and ranked 3 AML hazardous sites with the Clark County Parks & Community Services, and discovered and ranked 7 AML hazardous sites in Douglas County.
- Staff secured 1 AML hazardous site in Clark County with Hollywood Blvd. Community Center Volunteer Teens.
- Staff spoke with Risk Management regarding workman's comp for volunteers, such as Eagle Scouts, that assist the Division in securing AML sites.
- Staff made a presentation at Chris Rice's Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- Staff completed the AML report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FFY-04 and sent it to the BLM.
- Staff began Sean Hayes' Eagle Scout project in Clark County.
- Staff conducted claim research at BLM-NSO regarding an AML site in Lincoln county containing explosives.
- Staff researched the existence of AML's on a patented claim that State Lands is purchasing near Berlin.

### **OIL AND GAS**

- Staff worked on the IOGCC midyear meeting.
- Staff met with Commissioner Kozlowski regarding the oil and gas program.
- Staff worked with John Stout, BLM-Ely, and set-up an injection well testing procedure for Class II wells.
- Staff approved the plug and abandonment program for the Graham Well located in White River Valley.
- Staff attended a public meeting in Fallon for the BLM's Carson City Field Office's Energy and Minerals Environmental Impact Statement.
- Staff coordinated radioactive tracer tests for all Class II oil and gas injection wells.
- Staff assisted Bruce Welch, Neuhaus Properties, with the plug and abandonment program for the Tomera Ranch oil wells.
- Staff worked with Dorothy Walton, BLM-Reno, regarding federal bonds.

### **GEOHERMAL**

- Staff sent out the March issue of the Nevada Geothermal Update.
- Staff prepared a contract for Ehni Enterprises for the geothermal newsletter and submitted it to the Budget Division.
- Staff witnessed a well test at Caithness Energy's Steamboat facility.
- Staff worked with BLM-Reno regarding the Stillwater Federal Unitization royalty allocation schedule.
- Staff met with Gerry Nix regarding the Alaska Geothermal Trade Mission that will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno.

### **EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

- Staff gave 6 sessions of various activities at the Las Vegas Teachers' Mineral Education Workshop, and toured Olsen Pre-Cast, PABCO Gypsum, and New Ryan Borax Mine/camp in Death Valley.
- Staff made approximately 80 presentations on minerals and their uses and AML at Farm Days in Carson City which was attended by approximately 2700 students.
- Staff attended and participated in the Education Committee meeting at the Nevada Mining Association in Reno.