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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2004

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator and staff interviewed six candidates for the AML Chief position.
- Administrator attended the Governor's Natural Resource Cabinet breakfast.
- Administrator and staff presented the agency's FY06 and FY07 budget to the Department of Administration.
- Commissioner Parratt and the administrator met with Steve Salzman and Craig Smith, BLM, to discuss delays associated with notice level exploration activity bond adjudication.
- Administrator assisted Sean Muller, Nevada Rae Gold, concerning permitting issues at a proposed gold placer operation in Crescent Valley.
- Administrator attended a mining forum discussion group at UNR hosted by Dirk Van Zyl and Glenn Miller.
- CMR Chairman Gibson, Commissioner Bryan, and the administrator attended the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering Alumnus of the Year reception in Reno.
- Commissioner Parratt and the administrator attended the GSN Symposium 2005 monthly meeting.
- Administrator assisted Bob Cuffney, White Knight Resources, and Pam Klessig, Amanda Resources, with questions concerning "Notice of Intent to Hold" mining claim filings.
- Administrator finalized the area reporters for the NWMA annual meeting in December in Spokane, WA.
- Administrator assisted Dorothy Nysten, Nevada State Museum, with corrections to some mining captions for a new exhibit.
- Administrator and staff discussed a potential "brownfields" project for the Gooseberry Mine with Scott Smale of NDEP.
- Administrator attended the annual meeting of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission in Oklahoma City, OK.
- Administrator prepared bullet points for the Governor's Office concerning a congressional field hearing to be held on October 25 in Reno on the topic of Sustainable Development Opportunities in Mining Communities.
- Administrator attended a Congressional Field Hearing in Reno on the topic of "Sustainable Development Opportunities in Mining Communities."

- Administrator sent a letter to Bob Abbey, BLM State Director, requesting a task force be formed to make recommendations concerning the streamlining of the business process for notice level bond adjudications.
- Administrator contacted Bill Rogers, British Plasterboard Gypsum Mine at Blue Diamond, concerning a field trip for the CMR.
- Administrator assisted Bill Wilson, Colorado, concerning a notice level bond for an exploration project near Silverpeak.

MINING

- Staff assisted the FBI with an investigation of Astron Minerals.
- Staff reviewed, commented and supported the State Clearinghouse document regarding Carico Lake Turquoise Mine.
- Staff assisted the Division of State Lands with a purported mining scam.
- Staff participated in the Nevada Miners & Prospectors' meeting in Reno.
- Staff reviewed the NBMG's 2003 Minerals Industries in Nevada.
- Staff met with Rich Reyburn regarding recent mining activity.
- Staff provided information on Nevada mining taxes to Larry Parsily with the State of Alaska.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff sent bond pool packets to Sami Russell & Plum Mining.
- Staff inspected the completion of the clean-up work at the Gooseberry Mine with BLM and SRK representatives.
- Staff corresponded with Plum Mining regarding the reclamation bond pool.
- Staff met with Mike Fitzmonds, Golden Phoenix Minerals, regarding their purchase and reclamation of the Kingston Mill.
- Staff traveled to Kingston to inspect the reclamation progress at the Kingston Mill.
- Staff wrote to Golden Phoenix Minerals regarding the bond pool's lien on the Kingston Mill.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Staff conducted a site reconnaissance in Lyon County with an Eagle Scout candidate.
- Staff worked on the 4th quarter federal FY04 BLM AML report.
- Staff prepped Randy Seamman's Eagle Scout securing project reconnaissance.
- Administrator and staff coordinated a response with the BLM, State Mine Inspector, and NDEP concerning a report of dynamite found near an AML site in White Pine County.
- Staff secured 6 AML hazardous sites, repaired 2 securings, and logged 3 AML hazardous sites in Nye County as part of an Eagle Scout securing project.
- Staff conducted a reconnaissance of AML sites in Clark County for a future Eagle Scout securing project.

OIL AND GAS

- Staff gave plug and abandonment orders for the oil well being drilled in White River Valley.
- Staff assisted the BLM's Tonopah field office with oil and gas permitting questions related to location building specifications.
- Staff met with the BLM entire fluid mineral team including field office personnel regarding streamlining permitting on federal lands.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff met with BLM representatives from Washington DC, California, Utah and New Mexico regarding the geothermal program with respect to anticipated work loads associated with the new Federal Production Tax Credit.
- Staff inspected the injection well drilling rig at the Steamboat geothermal project.
- Staff conducted a BOPE inspection for the new injection well at Steamboat.
- Staff assisted the Blue Mountain Geothermal Group with several drilling and permitting problems.
- Staff assisted a consulting company with information regarding the Stillwater Geothermal Project.
- Staff worked with representatives of Noramex to relocate a temperature gradient well in the Blue Mountain area.
- Staff provided geothermal plugging program for domestic geothermal well located on the Kurti Ranch in southwest Reno.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff made 3 geological career/AML presentations at the Gardnerville Elementary School to approximately 80 students.
- Staff inventoried rock and mineral samples at the agency storage shed for the 2005 teachers' workshop.
- Staff attended and participated in the NvMA Education Committee meeting in Reno.
- Staff gave 4 mineral commodity/AML presentations at Seeliger Elementary School in Carson City to approximately 120 4th grade students.
- Staff made 7 presentations with the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada on gold panning, AML, minerals & commodities to 200 K-2nd graders.
- Staff made 7 presentations on minerals & commodities, AML, and Birdseed Mining for 1-4th graders.
- Staff gave 5 presentations on Birdseed Mining, AML to 150 2nd graders in Fallon.
- Staff gave 8 presentations on minerals & commodities, AML to 250 2nd and 3rd graders in Carson City.
- Administrator gave two presentations of AML and Nevada Rocks and Minerals to 60 sixth graders at Agnes Risley Elementary School in Reno.
- Administrator and staff assisted with a geothermal plant tour for 90 sixth graders from Brown Elementary School at the Steamboat project.