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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT APRIL, 2005

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator worked with Janet Hess, deputy attorney general, concerning taxation by the counties of oil and gas leases.
- Administrator led a field trip of 90 4th graders from Agnes Risley School in Reno to the fossil fish locality in the Celite diatomaceous earth mine near Hazen.
- Administrator and staff met with Mike Evans, Evans-Barton Oil, regarding drilling and testing activity at the Kyle Springs location. Also discussed pooling regulations and leasing options for private oil and gas leases.
- Administrator logged 4 AML hazardous sites, 1 in Douglas County and 3 in Lyon County.
- Administrator responded to several questions from Senator Rhoads concerning mining claim maintenance fees.
- Administrator facilitated a teleconference call of the Human Resources Committee of the CMR and a teleconference call of the full CMR concerning unclassified staff salary caps.
- Administrator and staff attended the monthly GSN meeting and distributed copies of the 2004 Annual AML Report.
- Staff facilitated and participated in the Commission on Mineral Resources' meeting held in Carson City.
- Commissioner Bryan, Parratt, and the administrator attended the Mackay School advisory board meeting and Mackay scholarship awards banquet.
- Administrator met with Curtis Framel, DOE, GeoPowering the West coordinator, concerning the Geothermal Update and the Native American Geothermal Trade Mission.
- Administrator and staff met with John Seilmeyer of Northern Nevada Business Journal concerning exploration trends.
- Administrator attended the budget closing for the division's budget before the Joint Finance Committee.
- Administrator prepared the unclassified staff salary cap memorandum for the CMR Chairman.
- Administrator sent information on forced pooling in oil and gas leases on private property to Mike Evans of Evans-Barton Oil Company.
- Administrator drafted a letter of welcome for the Governor concerning the Geological Society of Nevada 2005 Symposium.
- Administrator attended the planning meeting for the GSN 2005 Symposium.

MINE AND LAND USE ISSUES

- Staff worked on the annual status and production reports.
- Staff produced a press release for the 2004 Nevada mineral production.
- Staff worked on the Exploration Survey and Major Mines booklet.
- Staff toured the new mineral display at the Nevada State Museum
- Staff toured the Robinson Mine and gave an AML presentation to the Women in Mining National Conference in Ely.
- Staff toured the Veta Grande Mine with the CMR.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff prepared and finalized the reclamation bond for Nevada Rae Gold Inc.
- Staff spoke with Southern Nevada Liteweight regarding their need to increase their bond.
- Staff spoke with GREFCO about re-bonding the Noble Materials Project.
- Staff worked on the statewide bond with Janet Hess and the BLM.
- Staff drafted a press release for the statewide notice level bond.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Staff met with Eagle Scout candidate, Chip Holton, to approve his work plan for securings.
- Staff visited the White Grow Gypsum Mine in Valley of Fire State Park with Larry Turner to evaluate it for a possible backfill project.
- Staff corresponded with Sheree Rosevear regarding a children's mine safety play done in Silver City.
- Staff distributed 560 copies of the 2004 Annual AML Report.
- Staff visited the Apex Mine by Austin with USFS for bat gate installation.
- Staff logged 1 AML hazardous site in Clark County and conducted the claim research.
- Staff visited the Argentina Mine with owners and a contractor to discuss permanent closure. The site closure may have to wait for the settlement of litigation.
- Staff worked with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department on a possible murder & body disposal in a mine shaft on Peavine Mountain near Reno.
- Staff wrote and completed an abstract for a presentation to be given at the "Bats & Mines" conference in Reno.
- Staff logged 17 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County and conducted the ownership research.
- Staff secured 1 AML hazardous site in Lincoln County.
- Staff wrote to the Lincoln County DA on the securing of a shaft in Lincoln County.
- Staff assisted a claimant with the location of an AML hazard in Mineral County.

OIL & GAS

- Commissioner Kozlowski, administrator, and staff traveled to Ely to meet with Steve Salzman, BLM-NSO and John Stout, BLY Ely Field Office, to visit oil and gas production sites in Railroad Valley.
- Staff reports that Alpine will be giving notice of reclamation work at Big Sand Springs Federal and the intention to P&A and reclaim the Needle Springs Federal oil wells.
- Staff attended the Baker Hughes Petroleum Training course in Dallas.
- Staff approved the sundry notices regarding Faskin's Pinion #5 well and the changing in the cementing program, and the plugging of VF Neuhaus' Little Giant 36-1.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff assisted McKay Drilling with a sundry notice to abandon a domestic well in the Moana/Reno area.
- Staff participated in a conference call with the Minerals Management Service Committee concerning the reform of geothermal royalty regulations for power and direct use.
- Staff and BLM representative witnessed a BOPE test at Salt Wells production well PW-2, toured the future locations, and discussed past drilling and geophysical work.
- Staff approved a sundry for injection test and materials integrity test (MIT) at Beowawe.
- Staff received supplementary data and logs on the Noramex project drill holes.
- Staff reported the Beowawe injection tests began and reported leaks in cellar, so changes to MIT program were approved.
- Staff reported the Salt Wells project is moving a rig to PW-1.
- Staff met with Cory Egbert and Mike Bushelman regarding stipulations included in the Wabuska power facility water rights. They requested DOM to meet with Division of Water Resources to discuss how to mitigate these stipulations so as to not unduly jeopardize the ability of the project to expand.
- Staff visited the Manzanita direct heating site and conferred with Dennis Trexler and McKay Drilling on the repair of an injection well. Also visited the Virginia Townhouse well sites.
- Staff set-up a meeting with NDEP to help with water right permits for the Wabuska geothermal expansion.
- Staff provided information to NDOT on the P&A of a stratigraphic test well in I-580 right-of-way at Steamboat.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff gave a presentation on "Nevada Mining – Past & Present" and AML to the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society to approximately 70 attendees.

- Staff attended and participated in the Nevada Mining Association's Education Committee meeting to review the Las Vegas workshop and began planning for the Winnemucca workshop to be held in July.
- Staff gave a rock/mineral/AML presentation to 23 3rd and 4th graders in Carson City.
- Staff edited, copied, and posted to the web-site 270 pictures from the Las Vegas teachers' workshop; and edited, copied and posted to the web 121 pictures from the Intercollegiate Mining Competition.
- Staff gave 4 AML presentations and was a fill-in docent at the McCaw School of Mines.
- Staff discussed minerals/AML/ geology careers to about 210 K-5th graders at Diskin Elementary School.
- Staff gave 7 AML/minerals presentations to a total of 200 4th graders at 3 Reno elementary schools.
- Staff gave a presentation on mining careers/minerals/AML at a Las Vegas high school and gave a presentation to the Las Vegas Strip Kiwanis Club on Nevada mining past & present.
- Staff assisted with set-up, operation, and tear down of the NvMA/NBMG/NDOM booth at Earth Day. Attendees made approximately 483 paver blocks.
- Staff participated in "Farm Days" for 2 days giving AML/minerals and their uses talks to approximately 1,000 kids and adults who came by the booth.