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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Industry and Public Relations** – Proposed fee and regulation changes to the oil/gas and geothermal codes are in legal review by the Legislative Council Bureau. The proposed changes will be on the agenda for the August 27th Commission meeting in Elko. The 2014 Nevada mineral production and NDOM activities summary was presented to the Board of the Nevada Mining Association on July 9th. Administrator Perry and Mackay Director Russ Fields attended the re-opening of the Jerritt Canyon operation on July 28, now owned and operated by Jerritt Canyon Gold LLC. Work continued on the 2014 Major Mines Publication.
- **Minerals Education and Outreach** – NDOM Staff gave 3 presentations which reached 6060 members of the public, all trade associations. Four NDOM staff taught classes at the Northern Nevada earth science education workshop held at Manogue High School on July 14th. The workshops were attended by 68 teachers. Classroom workshops were followed by three separate field trips on July 15-16.
- **Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)** - Summer interns logged 104 hazards, secured 74 hazards, revisited 52 hazards, add logged 1,362 non-hazards in six different counties. NDOM contractor Environmental Protection Services PUF plugged five hazards in the Tonopah area, and backfilled seven hazards at the Kaiser mine.
- **Reclamation Bond Pool** – Executed two new notice-level bonds, one increase, three releases, and one reduction in July.
- **Oil, Gas and Geothermal Permitting and Inspections** – Six geothermal domestic wells were permitted in July. One geothermal production permit application is pending. No oil or gas wells were permitted. Eight geothermal sundries and one oil sundry were approved. Lowell Price was accepted into the 2015 class of the IOGCC-sponsored TOPCORP Petroleum technology state inspector class. He will complete the on-line portion in August and attend the field portion at Colorado School of Mines for one week in September.

Financial, Personnel, Safety and Projects:

- The Division was staffed with nine full-time employees and seven summer interns, and has two field specialist vacancies. An offer was extended to Garrett Wake for the Las Vegas position. Recruitment for the Carson City vacancy is underway with interviews planned for August.
- The reserve balance was \$730,563 at the end of July.
- On July 31st two interns traveling on the county road in Monitor Valley rolled vehicle EX 60165 (2008 Dodge truck). Neither of the two interns was injured. The Nye County Sherriff's Department and NDOM supervision investigated the accident, and found the cause to be excessive speed, poor visibility due to the dust from the vehicle ahead, and a missing curve warning sign on the county road. Per State Risk Management procedures, the driver and passenger were checked at the nearest hospital and the driver took a drug test. An all-NDOM staff incident investigation and safety meeting on the following working day resulted in changes to daily safety meeting procedures, and plans to administer off-road driver training to future interns.