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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 were approved by the CMR at the August 27th meeting and are posted for workshops on October 2 in Carson City. A draft of the major mines publication was completed and under review.
- **Minerals Education and Outreach** – NDOM Staff gave 2 presentations which reached 9 members of the public, all classroom students. Bill and Garrett attended a McCaw School of Mines Foundation board meeting. Bill was re-elected to another two-year term as the McCaw School of Mines Foundation Treasurer. Garrett was unanimously approved as a new Foundation Board member.
- **Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)** - Finished the 2015 summer internship program. During the 13 week program, the interns logged 329 hazards, secured 190 hazards, revisited 214 hazards, and logged 4,233 non-hazards traveling nearly 20,000 miles in 14 different counties.
- **Reclamation Bond Pool** – Processed two notice-level bond reductions and five releases in August. All of the annual premium payments for participants on the June schedule have been received. There are 98 notice-level and six plan level bonds issued.
- **Oil, Gas and Geothermal Permitting and Inspections** – One geothermal well and no oil wells were permitted in August. Three T-G (temperature-gradient) wells were drilled at San Emedio. The Brite Sky Energy and Minerals 1-35 oil exploration well was spud in White River Valley.

	Total Wells	Wells Needed for FY16	Wells Inspected	% of Total Needed	Wells Remaining
Geothermal	454	152	63		
Oil	127	43	34		
Totals	567	195	97	49.7%	98

Financial, Personnel, Safety and Projects:

- The Division was staffed with ten full-time employees. Seven summer interns completed their assignments August 14 and returned to college. The Division has one Field Specialist vacancy in Carson City, and interviews were held in August.
- The reserve balance was \$745,997 on September 11, 2015, when the final fiscal year closing was completed.
- The memorandum of understanding between NDEP and NDOW was finalized.