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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS
JANUARY 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Industry and Public Relations** – The Division assisted with maps and information for development of the Governor’s January 15, 2016, comment letter to the BLM on the proposed mineral withdrawal. The maps were presented to interested persons at the January monthly GSN and Nevada Landman Association meetings in Reno.
- **Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)**– Four interns and four staff members worked in Southern Nevada for two weeks logging, securing and re-visiting AML hazards. The bi-annual AML hazard notifications letters were sent out to claim holders.

	SITES DISCOVERED	SITES SECURED	% SECURED	UNSECURED
Year-to-Date 2016	105	61	58 %	
Total since 1987	19,470	15,746	81 %	3,724

- **Oil, Gas and Geothermal Permitting and Inspections** No geothermal or oil and gas drilling permits were issued in January. Two geothermal sundries were processed and approved. Ormat Nevada spudded the Dixie Hope 23A-8 and Tungsten Mountain 45A-22 production wells. Lowell Price witnessed the surface casing BOPE tests and FIT tests for each well. Invoices for geothermal wells under the recently-approved fee structure were mailed.

The following table summarizes fiscal year 2016 year-to-date well inspections:

	Total Wells	Wells Needed for FY16	Wells Inspected	% of Total Needed	Wells Remaining
Geothermal	456	152	127		
Oil	127	43	34		
Totals	583	195	161	83%	34

- **Minerals Education and Outreach**– NDOM Staff gave presentations at the following schools and trade associations in January: *Great Basin Outdoor School, Brown Elementary, Durango High School, Wooster High School, GSN Northern Nevada, Nevada Landman’s Association and Southern Nevada Eagle Scouts.* Bill Durbin and Lucia Patterson topped the list of classroom presentations!

	January, 2016	2016 YTD
# of Presentations	27	27
# of Attendees	669	669

- **Reclamation Bond Pool**– One notice-level reduction and one new notice-level bonds were processed in January. Notices of non-payment of premium payments due by December 31st were sent to eight bond pool participants for ten projects. Eight remain outstanding as of the end of January.

The quarterly bond pool reconciliation report was completed with zero variance and provided to the State Controller’s office, NDEP, and the BLM. The following table shows the end-of-January financial summary of bond pool:

Reclamation Bond Pool Status Report		Current to: 1/31/2016						
Plan-level Bonds -Company	Project	Entry Date	Bond Amount	% of Pool	Comments	Deposit	Premiums Paid	% Bond Whole
CustomDetails	Bowie-Lew	11/17/2006	\$24,364.00	0.86%		\$ 12,217.11	\$18,791.48	127.3%
Nevada Rae	Black Rock Canyon	4/15/2005	\$369,255.00	13.03%		\$197,937.54	\$231,807.29	116.4%
So. NV Liteweight	Money Pit	5/21/2004	\$395,514.00	13.96%		\$213,055.61	\$228,552.74	111.7%
Western Pacific Clay	Fallon Bentonite	12/11/1997	\$209,900.00	7.41%		\$ 31,485.00	\$184,074.69	102.7%
Western Mine Dev.	Victorine Mine	5/24/2000	\$45,875.39	1.62%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Kingston Mill	5/24/2000	\$100,450.00	3.54%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Manhattan Mill	5/24/2000	\$114,288.77	4.03%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
TNT Venture	Big Canyon	1/27/2010	\$78,161.00	2.76%		\$ 39,615.03	\$37,254.16	98.3%
Dun Glen Mining	Dun Glen	8/11/2014	\$373,981.00	13.20%		\$200,648.22	\$47,215.69	66.3%
Statewide Notice-Level	Various	various	\$1,122,019.00	39.59%	93 Notice-level bonds			
Total Bond Amount			\$2,833,808.16					
Cash in Pool's Account (From BSR - 1/29/15)			\$3,753,766.09					
Unfunded Amount			-\$919,957.93					
Percent funded			132.5%					

Financial, Personnel, Safety and Projects:

- The Division was staffed at budget with 11 full-time employees. Bill Durbin announced his retirement from the Division effective June 30, 2016.
- The reserve balance was \$1,562,733 on December 31, 2015.
- Proposed changes to regulations in NAC 513 (Commission on Mineral Resources; Division of Minerals) completed LCB legal review on January 7, 2016, and public workshops were posted for February 16 and 18 in Carson City and Elko, respectively.
- The Division had a mid-biennium financial review with the new State Budget Director, Jim Wells. The bi-annual State budget kickoff meeting will be held on March 9.

