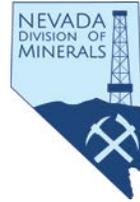




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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
APRIL 2016

Industry and Public Relations – The Division continued to assist the Governor’s office with maps and backup for the “Nevada Plan”, which is an alternative mineral withdrawal area from what is proposed by the BLM Sage Grouse EIS. A presentation on this plan was given at the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council public meeting on April 7. The Administrator provided a presentation and responded to questions on possible changes in claim fees at the Nevada County Recorders annual meeting in Yerington. Annual status and production reports for 2015 were received from operators. 2015 annual State production for minerals, geothermal and oil are now available.

Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) – Southern Nevada Staff met with Clark County Commissioner Susan Brager to discuss possible scenarios for funding and agency cooperation for permanent closure of the Arden Mine AML hazards and development of the Gypsum Ridge trail system. A draft of the 2015 AML report was completed and will be finalized and printed in May. Staff worked with NDOW on surveying 19 AML hazards for wildlife potential in Lyon and Douglas counties for the Hot Springs and Mound house closure projects. Staff performed 11 down-hole camera surveys in Goldfield to assist with a backfill and closure plan. 15 hazards were backfilled in Douglas County to finish the Chukar mine closure project. A hard closure using a contractor was completed at the Mint Shaft in Virginia City. Maps and plans were developed in preparation for the 2016 summer intern field season, which begins May 23.

	SITES DISCOVERED	SITES SECURED	% SECURED	UNSECURED
Year-to-Date 2016	73	136	186 %	
Total since 1987	19,536	15,768	81 %	3,768

Oil, Gas and Geothermal Permitting and Inspections – No oil or geothermal drilling permits were issued in April. Twelve geothermal sundry notices and nine oil and gas well sundries were processed and approved. Two geothermal wells were being drilled during April, the Dixie Hope 24A-8 observation well (completed on 4/18/2016) and the Tungsten Mountain 84A-22 (spudded on 3/15/2016). Ormat Nevada was still drilling the 84A-22 at the end of the month. The OGG database team updated and refined the geothermal and oil databases. All inspection data are now in the two databases. We are still working on the best way to append all of the exiting production/injection data that is currently in digital format to the databases.

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	462	154	213		
Oil & Gas	128	43	40		
Totals	590	197	253	128%	-56

- Minerals Education and Outreach** – Staff gave presentations on Rocks and Minerals, Mineral Education, Mineral, Oil and Geothermal Production, Nevada Mining and AML safety at the following schools and trade associations in March: *Brown Elementary-Reno, Carson High School-Carson High School, Farm Days-Carson City, Henderson Heritage Days Festival-Henderson, Alyce Taylor Elementary-Sparks, Boy Scout Troop 542-Logandale, Bring Your Child to Work Day- Carson City, Camp Christian Academy Career Day – Las Vegas, Cunningham Elementary School Career Day-Las Vegas.*

	February, 2016	Calendar 2016 YTD
# of Presentations	21	125
# of Attendees	1,459	5,057

Reclamation Bond Pool – Executed one new notice-level bond and one notice-level increase and completed quarterly bond pool reconciliation report with zero variance and submitted to the State Controller’s office. The following table shows the end-of-April financial summary of bond pool:

Reclamation Bond Pool Status Report		Current to: 4/29/2016						
Plan-level Bonds -Company	Project	Entry Date	Bond Amount	% of Pool	Comments	Deposit	Premiums Paid	% Bond Whole
Custom Details	Bovie-Lew	11/17/2006	\$24,364.00	0.84%		\$ 12,217.11	\$18,974.21	128.0%
Nevada Rae	Black Rock Canyon	4/15/2005	\$393,041.00	13.54%		\$211,729.71	\$234,858.88	113.6%
So. NV Liteweight	Money Pit	5/21/2004	\$395,514.00	13.63%		\$213,055.61	\$231,519.10	112.4%
Western Pacific Clay	Fallon Bentonite	12/11/1997	\$209,900.00	7.23%		\$ 31,485.00	\$185,648.94	103.4%
Western Mine Dev.	Victorine Mine	5/24/2000	\$45,875.39	1.58%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Kingston Mill	5/24/2000	\$100,450.00	3.46%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Manhattan Mill	5/24/2000	\$114,288.77	3.94%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
TNT Venture	Big Canyon	1/27/2010	\$78,161.00	2.69%		\$ 39,615.03	\$37,254.16	98.3%
Dun Glen Mining	Dun Glen	8/11/2014	\$373,981.00	12.89%		\$200,648.22	\$55,996.14	68.6%
Statewide Notice-Level	Various	various	\$1,166,757.00	40.20%	94 Notice-level bonds			
Total Bond Amount			\$2,902,332.16					
Cash in Pool’s Account (From BSR - 4/29/16)			\$3,823,565.31					
Unfunded Amount			-\$921,233.15					
Percent funded			131.7%					

Financial, Personnel, Safety and Projects:

- The Division was staffed at budget with 11 full-time employees.
- The reserve balance was \$1,145,241 on April 29, 2016.
- The Division began developing the 2018-2019 budget, which is due September 1.

