



# Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Special Publication L-6

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## STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS REQUIRED IN NEVADA BEFORE MINING OR MILLING CAN BEGIN

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This is a list of State and Federal permits and actions required during development, planning, construction, and before operation of Nevada mines and mills. We hope it will help both individuals and companies through the complex, often confusing regulatory maze - please understand that not all of these permits are necessarily required for all operations.

Remember that in addition to State and Federal permits, County and City permits may be required. We have attempted to include a general description of County and City permits necessary. As these may vary, it is suggested you contact the local County Planning commission for specific requirements.

This list will be revised periodically, however, the user should be aware that there may be additional, new, or revised regulations issued after this list was compiled. We welcome any additions, and/or corrections, as well as any suggestions on how to improve this list. For more information about permitting, contact: Nevada Division of Minerals, 400 W. King Street, Suite 106, Carson City, Nevada 89710, (702) 687-5050.

### STATE REQUIREMENTS

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

##### MINE REGISTRY FORMS

- Agency to contact ..... Nevada Division of Minerals  
400 W. King St., Suite 106  
Carson City, NV 89710  
(702) 687-5050, Fax (702) 687-3957
- When Required ..... Within 30 days after a mine operation begins
- Required Action ..... Operators shall submit a completed form for registration.
- Legal Authority ..... NRS 513.063 and 513.073

##### ANNUAL STATUS AND PRODUCTION REPORT

- Agency to Contact ..... Nevada Division of Minerals  
400 W. King St., Suite 106  
Carson City, NV 89710  
(702) 687-5050, Fax (702) 687-3957
- When Required ..... On or before April 15 of each year
- Required Action ..... Operators shall submit a report relating to the annual status and production of the mine for the preceding calendar year.
- Legal Authority..... NRS 513.063 and 513.073

**MINING RECLAMATION PERMIT**

Granting Agency .....	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation 333 W. Nye Lane Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-4675
When Required .....	Prior to initiation of certain exploration projects and mining operations
Time Required .....	Approximately 180 days
Cost of Permit .....	\$1.50/acre of affected public land and \$2.50/acre of affected private land; \$100 for certain exploration projects; annual fee ranging from \$500 to \$2000 for certain mining operations.
Public Notice Required ....	Yes
Surety Required .....	Yes
Information Required.....	Legal structure of applicant; reclamation plan; estimated cost of executing reclamation plan; statement of applicant's responsibility for reclamation; map depicting area covered by surety.
Legal Authority .....	NRS 519.010 through 519A.240 plus 519A.270 and 519A.280

**APPROVAL TO OPERATE A SOLID WASTE SYSTEM**

Granting Agency.....	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management 333 W. Nye Lane Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-5872
When Required.....	180 days prior to site construction or operation for new sites after 10/9/93 case by case schedule for existing sites that will continue to operate after 10/9/93.
Time Required .....	Variable, depending on system
Cost of Approval .....	None
Public Notice Required ...	Yes
Information Required.....	Information on location, design, operation, maintenance of system, monitoring, closure, post-closure care, and financial assurance
Legal Authority.....	NRS 444.440 through 444.748
Note.....	Granting agency is local health district in Clark and Washoe counties.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT**

Granting Agency.....	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management 333 W. Nye Lane Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-5872
When Required .....	Prior to construction of facility for management or recycling of hazardous waste as identified by NAC 444.8850
Required Action .....	Contact Bureau of Waste Management
Fees .....	Dependent on cost of application review
Legal Authority.....	NRS 459.400 through 459.600

**STATE GROUND WATER PERMIT**

Granting Agency .....	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control 333 W. Nye Lane Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-4670
When Required .....	Prior to construction
Time to Obtain .....	Approximately 180 days
Cost of permit.....	Site dependent ranging from \$400 to \$8000
Public Notice Required....	Yes
Information Required.....	Site plan; plan and specifications for wastewater treatment plant; geology, soils information, and hydrology (if applicable); flood plain and drainage area; chemical analysis of ground water and any discharged fluids; drinking water sources in area; other specific site information.
Legal Authority .....	NRS 445.131 through 445.354 and NAC 445.070 through 445.241

**PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT TAILINGS DAM**

Granting Agency..... Nevada Division of Water Resources  
 123 W. Nye Lane  
 Carson City, NV 89710  
 (702) 687-4380

When Required ..... Prior to construction

Max. Time to Obtain ..... 120 days

Min. Time to Obtain ..... 45 days

Cost of Permit ..... \$500 application fee; \$100 plus \$1 per acre foot annual fee for private non-agricultural dams in excess of 50 acre feet

Public Notice Required .... No

Information Required ..... Plans and specifications must be filed in triplicate with application for any tailings dam which will be higher than 20 feet or impound more than 20 acre feet; supportive engineering study.

Legal Authority..... NRS Chapter 535

**MINERAL EXPLORATION HOLE PLUGGING**

Granting Agency..... Nevada Division of Water Resources  
 123 W. Nye Lane  
 Carson City, NV 89710  
 (702) 687-4380

When Required ..... Plugging of exploration holes must usually begin within 30 days after data has been collected from the hole.

Cost ..... None

Action Required ..... Contact the Division of Water Resources for details.

Legal Authority..... NAC 534

**ENDANGERING WILDLIFE**

Agency to Contact..... Nevada Division of Wildlife  
 1100 Valley Road  
 Reno, NV 89512  
 (702) 688-1500

When Required ..... Prior to construction and operation

Required Action..... Ascertain whether or not the mining operation would endanger fish and game habitat, etc.

Legal Authority..... NRS 445, 501.181, NAC 504.520

**DREDGING PERMIT**

Agency to Contact..... Nevada Division of Wildlife  
 1100 Valley Road  
 Reno, NV 89512  
 (702) 688-1500

When Required ..... Prior to operation

Time to Obtain..... 10 days

Cost of Permit ..... \$5.00

Required Action..... Contact Nevada Division of Wildlife

Legal Authority..... NRS Chapter 503.425

**INDUSTRIAL ARTIFICIAL POND PERMIT**

Agency to Contact..... Nevada Division of Wildlife  
 1100 Valley Road  
 Reno, NV 89512  
 (702) 688-1500

When Required ..... Prior to operation

Required Action ..... Contact Nevada Division of Wildlife

Time to Obtain ..... Up to 30 working days

- Required Action ..... Architectural plans for the construction remodel, addition or alteration of any building in a county with a population of less than 35,000 shall be reviewed for the non-structural features of fire and life safety. Request Plans Review Application forms.
- Fee Schedule ..... Fee is based upon the proposed cost of construction
- Legal Authority ..... NAC 477.740 and NAC 477.750

**DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND ARTS**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- Agency to Contact ..... Nevada Historic Preservation Office  
 Capitol Complex  
 Carson City, NV 89710  
 (702) 687-5138
- When Required ..... Projects on state lands only
- Required Action ..... Submit a legal description with map of the area to be disturbed so NHPO can determine if significant archaeological or historic sites are present.
- Legal Authority ..... NRS Chapter 384

**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**PURCHASE, TRANSPORT, OR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES**

- Agency to Contact ..... Bureau of Alcohol  
 Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)  
 801 K Street, Suite 921  
 Sacramento, CA 95814  
 (916) 498-5095
- When Required ..... Permit required before purchasing explosives from out of state source and/or transporting explosives across a state line.  
 License required before manufacturing, selling, or importing explosives. License is required for persons mixing two component explosives.  
 Storage requirements apply to all persons storing explosives even if no license or permit is held.
- Required Action ..... Obtain license or permit. Information and necessary forms can be obtained from the BATF Criminal Enforcement Office, 350 S. Center St., Suite 486, Reno, NV 89501, (702) 784-5251.  
 Las Vegas Criminal Enforcement: 600 Las Vegas Blvd. Rm 650, Las Vegas, NV (702) 388-6584

**USE OF BLM-ADMINISTERED LAND**

- Agency ..... Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State Office:  
 Reno - 850 Harvard Way, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520 (702) 785-6576  
 District Offices:  
 Battle Mountain - Box 1420, Battle Mountain, NV 89820 (702) 635-4000  
 Carson City - 1525 Hot Springs Rd., Suite 300, Carson City, NV 89706 (702) 885-6000  
 Elko - 3900 East Idaho St., P.O. Box 831, Elko, NV 89801 (702) 753-0200  
 Ely - HC 33, Box 150, Ely, NV 89301, (702) 289-4865  
 Las Vegas - 4765 W. Vegas Dr., P.O. Box 26569, Las Vegas, NV 89126 (702) 647-5000  
 Susanville - P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104, (916) 279-6101  
 Winnemucca - 705 E. 4th St., Winnemucca, NV 89445, (702) 623-1500

**RIGHT OF WAY FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ON BLM-ADMINISTERED LAND**

Granting Agency ..... Bureau of Land Management, District Offices  
 When Required ..... Prior to construction  
 Max. Time to Obtain ..... Approximately 6 months  
 Min. Time to Obtain ..... Approximately 20 days  
 Cost of Permit ..... Filing and monitoring fees are based on a right-of-way category determined by BLM upon receipt of application. Rental is determined by a fee schedule based on acreage, location and type of use. Consult BLM district offices.  
 Public Notice Required ..... Yes. Review of environmental analysis  
 Information Required ..... Corridor route; archaeological and historical clearances; methods of construction; notice of completion (within 90 days).

**ROAD ACCESS (R/W) ON BLM ADMINISTERED LAND**

Granting Agency ..... Bureau of Land Management, District Offices  
 When Required ..... Prior to construction  
 Max. Time to Obtain ..... Approximately 6 months  
 Min. Time to Obtain ..... Approximately 30 days  
 Cost of Permit ..... Filing and monitoring fees are based on a right-of-way category determined by BLM upon receipt of application. Rental is determined by a fee schedule based on acreage, location and type of use. Consult BLM district offices.  
 Public Notice Required ..... Yes. Review of environmental analysis  
 Information Required ..... Corridor route; archaeological and historical clearances; methods of construction; notice of completion (within 90 days)

**NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION**

Granting Agency ..... Mine Safety & Health Administration  
 601 S. Rock Blvd.  
 Reno, NV 89431  
 (702) 784-5892  
 When Required ..... Prior to start-up  
 Information Required ..... Location; estimated commencement date; safety training plan; legal identity

**ALL USES OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND**

Agency ..... Humboldt - Toiyabe National Forests

*Central Nevada Ecosystem:*  
 Austin Ranger District, (702) 964-2671  
 Ely Coordination Office, (702) 289-3031  
 Tonopah Ranger District, (702) 482-6286

*Northeastern Nevada Ecosystem:*  
 Elko Coordination Office, (702) 738-5171  
 Jarbidge Ranger District, (702) 543-4129  
 Mountain City Ranger District, (702) 763-6691  
 Ruby Mountain Ranger District, (702) 752-3357  
 Santa Rosa Ranger District, (702) 623-5025