

# Mine-impacted Water Regulations

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**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**



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# Purpose of Proposed Regulations

- **Revise bonding requirements to assure adequate funding available to address actual discharges of mine-impacted water to protect water quality.**
- **Maintain consistency on private lands with BLM implementation of bonding requirements on federal lands in Nevada.**
- **Allow cash deposits as an acceptable form of surety.**



# Summary of Regulations

- **Definition of Mine Impacted Waters (MIW)**
- Require **stabilization, management, control, or treatment of MIW** in the **reclamation plan** approved by NDEP
- Require **mitigation of MIW**
- Require **bonding for MIW mitigation**
- **Allow cash deposit as an acceptable form of surety**

# Outreach and Public Input on Proposed Regulations

- **NDEP held workshops on August 4 in Elko and August 12 in Carson City.**
- **Concerns expressed:**
  - **How bonding would apply to potential or modeled not actual discharges of mine impacted water.**
  - **Application of bonding to pre-regulation (before 1989) sources.**
- **NDEP has addressed these concerns through discussion or in the regulation.**



# Thank you

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