

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

4th Quarter Meeting of the NEVADA MINING OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Date and Time of Meeting: **December 2, 2015** **9:00 a.m.**

**Nevada Department of Transportation
Third Floor Conference Room
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, NV**

This meeting will also be part of a teleconference. Please call the Department at (775) 684-2100 for the call-in number.

Action may be taken on the items indicated in **BOLD**:

1. ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND OPENING REMARKS

2. Public Comment (See Note 2 below)

In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

3. REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

(a) For Possible Action: Review of LCB File No. R052-15 regulations adopted by the State Environmental Commission; Determination of Findings and Recommendations to be Reported to the Legislative Counsel

The regulations: (1) define “mine-impacted waters” as they relate to a permit for a mining operation from the Division of Environmental Protection; (2) require a plan for reclamation to include a description of any necessary stabilization, management, control or treatment required for mine-impacted waters; (3) provide that the Division may require the operator of a mining operation to implement measures to stabilize, manage, control or treat mine-impacted waters; (4) provide that the surety an operator files with the Division or a federal land management agency may be a cash deposit; and (5) provide that in estimating the cost of executing a plan for reclamation the operator, must, if appropriate, include certain costs associated with the stabilization, management, control and treatment of mine-impacted waters.

(b) For Possible Action: Review of LCB File No. R056-15 regulations adopted by the Commission on Mineral Resources; Determination of Findings and Recommendations to be Reported to the Legislative Counsel

Section 1 of the regulations establish fees for a permit to drill and operate an hydraulically fractured oil or gas well; non-hydraulically fractured oil or gas well; and fees for a request to change the terms of an existing permit to drill and operate an oil or gas well. Section of the regulations increases existing fees from 15 cents to 20 cents for each barrel of oil or each 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas produced from a well.

(c) For Possible Action: Review of LCB File No. R057-15 regulations adopted by the Commission on Mineral Resources; Determination of Findings and Recommendations to be Reported to the Legislative Counsel

Section 2 of the regulations provides that the location of an individual geothermal well or wells in a project area must be surveyed by a professional land surveyor. Section 3 increases the annual fee required of the owner of a geothermal resource or the operator of a geothermal production well or

injection well. An annual fee is also required of the owner or operator of an observational well or a thermal gradient well unless it is plugged and abandoned. Section 4 specifies the required format for copies of electronic logs for geothermal wells. Section 5 deletes provisions requiring annual filing of certain reports specifying the production and temperature of a geothermal resource or a producing domestic well. Section 6 specifies procedures to be followed for the abandonment of a thermal gradient well. Section 7 specifies procedures to be followed for the abandonment of injection, production, or observational wells. Section 8 changes the fee for an application to abandon and plug a well and the fee for an application for any other proposed activity for which the Division conducts an extensive review.

(d) For Possible Action: Review of LCB File No. R081-15 regulations adopted by the Commission on Mineral Resources; Determination of Findings and Recommendations to be Reported to the Legislative Counsel

The regulation revises the form that must be used to report the plugging of certain holes or wells to the Division of Minerals; authorizes an extension of the expiration date of a permit to drill an oil or gas well; revises the requirements for obtaining approval to drill and complete a disposal well; requires the permanent plugging of certain wells; eliminates the fee for applying for a permit drill, deepen or plug back any oil or gas well; requires certain forms to be used to apply for certain approvals; eliminates the authority for an operator of a series of exploratory wells to apply to keep the wells confidential; and makes various other changes relating to oil and gas wells.

4. For Possible Action: Inclusion of Testimony and Exhibits from prior meetings into the record:

March 13, 2015 meeting
September 24, 2015 meeting
November 17, 2015 meeting

5. For Possible Action: Meeting Schedule

6. Briefing to and from Staff; Information received for requests from prior meetings; Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics

7. Commission Comments

8. Public Comment (See Note 2)

In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

9. For Possible Action: Adjournment

NOTE 1: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Items may be combined for consideration by the Commission. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

NOTE 2: Public comment may be made on any issue and any discussion of those items; provided that comment will be limited to areas relevant to and within the authority of the Commission. No action will be taken on any items raised in the public comment period. At the discretion of the Chairman, public comment may be received prior to action on individual agenda items. Public Comment may not be limited based on viewpoint. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the committee may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

NOTE 3: We are pleased to make accommodations for members of the public who are disabled. Please notify the Department of Taxation in writing, at 1550 College Parkway, Carson City Nevada, 89706 or call (775) 684-2180 prior to the meeting.

NOTE 4: Materials and files for items on this agenda are maintained in the offices of the Department of Taxation located in Carson City, Nevada. Requests for copies of materials and files for items on this agenda may be made to:

Anita Moore, (775) 684-2160, Department of Taxation, 1550 College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706

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Notice of this meeting was faxed for posting to the following locations: Nevada State Library & Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City; Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas.

Notice of this meeting was emailed for posting to the following locations: Department of Taxation, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building L, Suite 235, Reno; Department of Taxation, 2550 Paseo Verde, Suite 180, Henderson; Department of Taxation, 555 E. Washington Street; Las Vegas; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas.

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