

	Nevada Department of Taxation Percent Change in NPM Tax Revenue				
FISCAL YEAR		Tax Revenue	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR		
1992-93	\$	34,717,853	THOR TEAR		
1993-94	\$	40.409.296	16 39%		
1994-95	\$	48,204,914	19.29%		
1995-96	\$	37.568.026	-22 07%		
1996-97	\$	29,198,288	-22.28%		
1997-98	\$	30,059,357	2.95%		
1998-99	\$	33,267,151	10.67%		
1999-00	\$	28,957,844	-12.95%		
2000-01	\$	29,601,143	2.22%		
2001-02	\$	21,354,749	-27.86%		
2002-03	\$	26,065,097	22.06%		
2003-04	\$	38,787,630	48.81%		
2004-05	\$	43,994,020	13.42%		
2005-06	\$	41,805,914	-4.97%		
2006-07	\$	62,594,697	49.73%		
2007-08	\$	75,694,380	20.93%		
2008-09	\$	91,826,211	21.31%		
2009-10	\$	97,578,120	6.26%		
2010-11	\$	162,994,188	67.04%		
2011-12 Est	\$	207.353.987	27.22%		

### Net Proceeds: Is it a property tax? Value is based only on minerals extracted each year and does not include reserves expected to be extracted in the future.

### SB 2 Changes Collection Procedures

- Does not change how the tax is calculated
- Does change when the tax is collected.



# Calculation of Net Proceeds Tax Mining Operation's Gross Yield (-) certain Allowable Deductions = Net Proceeds X a tax rate not to exceed 5% = Tax

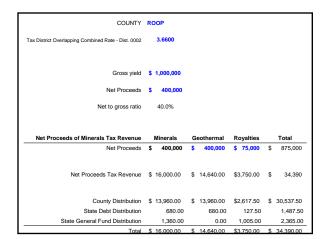
### Rate of Tax

NRS 362.140 The rate of tax depends on the percentage ratio of net proceeds to gross yield:

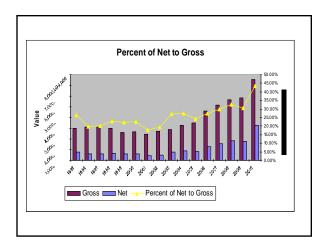
Net Proceeds as Percentage of Gross:	Rate of Tax
Less than 10	2.00
10 or more but less than 18	2.50
8 or more but less than 26	3.00
26 or more but less than 34	3.50
34 or more but less than 42	4.00
42 or more but less than 50	4.50
50 or more	5.00

### Rate of Tax: Exceptions

- If net proceeds is greater than \$4 M, then the rate of tax = 5%.
- The rate of tax on all royalties = 5%.
- The rate of tax on geothermals = the combined property tax rate where located.
- The minimum tax rate is the combined property tax rate where located.



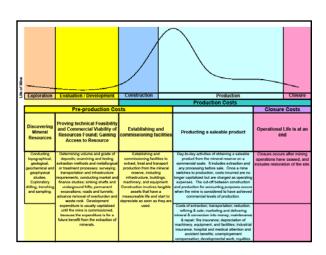
COUNTY	R	ООР						
Tax District Overlapping Combined Rate - Dist. 0002		1.7700						
Gross yield	\$	1,000,000						
Net Proceeds	\$	400,000						
Net to gross ratio		40.0%						
Net Proceeds of Minerals Tax Revenue		Minerals	Ge	othermal	Ro	yalties		Total
Net Proceeds	\$	400.000	s	400.000	_	75,000	_	875,000
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Net Proceeds Tax Revenue	\$	16,000.00	\$	7,080.00		,750.00	\$	26,830
Net Proceeds Tax Revenue  County Distribution	\$	,	Ť		\$3			26,830
		16,000.00	\$	7,080.00	\$3	,750.00	\$	26,830
County Distribution		16,000.00	\$	7,080.00 6,400.00	\$3 \$1	,750.00	\$	26,830 14,000.00



	Gross	Net	Percent of Net to Gross
1995	2,991,623,439	786,843,446	3 26.30%
1996	3,110,683,648	613,166,679	19.71%
1997	3,118,086,678	632,502,706	3 20.28%
1998	2,998,541,697	687,985,198	3 22.94%
1999	2,631,248,251	587,254,060	22.32%
2000	2,667,929,747	601,362,809	22.54%
2001	2,471,845,830	438,013,468	17.72%
2002	2,702,274,316	524,535,480	19.41%
2003	2,896,813,027	783,208,831	27.04%
2004	3,281,802,592	899,946,917	7 27.42%
2005	3,518,322,128	853,038,767	7 24.25%
2006	4,617,260,026	1,271,677,525	27.54%
2007	5,157,136,841	1,531,548,125	5 29.70%
2008	5,688,396,979	1,852,116,543	32.56%
2009	5,810,628,688	1,770,704,563	30.47%
2010	7,538,743,530	3,275,436,745	43.45%

2010 Net Proceeds, Net/Gross Ratio and Comparison to 2009							
Industry	Gross Yield 2010	Allowed Costs 2010	Net Costs 2010	Net Proceeds 2010	Net / Gross Rat 2010		
Gold Copper Geothermal Oil and Gas Industrial Minerals	\$ 6,642,609,597 488,799,008 145,265,422 26,665,355 235,404,148	\$ 3,907,136,042 303,617,767 149,879,549 12,506,730 196,860,672	\$ 3,869,017,094 303,617,767 122,702,063 12,450,575 193,423,278	\$ 2,773,592,503 186,181,241 22,563,369 14,214,780 41,980,870	41.8% 37.9% 15.5% 53.3% 17.8%		
TOTAL	\$ 7,538,743,530			\$ 3,037,532,753	40.3%		
Industry	Cost Variance (Net - Allowed)	Net Proceeds 2009	Net / Gross Ratio 2009	Net Proceeds Change	Net / Gross Change		
Gold	\$ (38,118,948)	\$ 1,542,258,152 163,976,739	30.2% 37.1%	\$ 1,231,334,351 21,204,502	11.5		
Copper Geothermal	(27,177,486)		23.1%	(3.022.629)			
Oil and Gas Industrial Minerals	(56,156) (2,437,394)	9,861,099	45.2% 21.6%	4,353,681	8.1° -3.8°		
TOTAL	\$ (67,789,584)	\$ 1,770,704.563	30.5%	1,266,828,190	9.8		

## Allowable Deductions NRS 362.120 (3): • Extraction • Transportation • Reduction, refining and sale • Delivery of product • Maintenance and repairs • Depreciation • Royalties



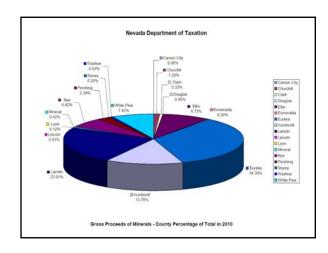
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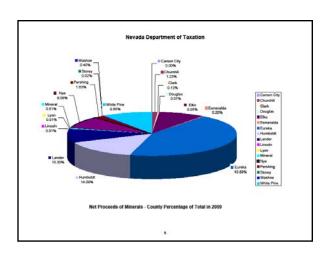
- SB 493 changed allowable deductions:
  - Only direct costs of extraction for activities performed in Nevada
  - Only cost of delivery of mineral (no marketing or costs of conversion into money)
  - No fire insurance costs
  - No medical or medical insurance costs for a 2year period
  - Only costs of travel occurring within Nevada
  - Only costs of Nevada-based corporate services
  - Only developmental costs necessary to the mine or group of mines
  - Costs of reclamation allowed in the year the work actually occurred

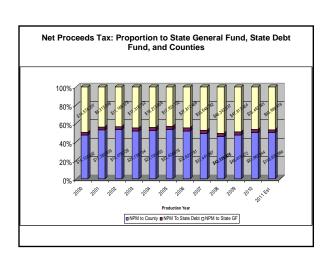
### **Recent Changes**

- Not deductible pursuant to SB 493:
  - Costs of employee housing
  - Costs of employee travel outside the state
  - Employee severance costs
  - Dues to trade organizations
  - Expenses of governmental relations
  - Costs of mineral exploration
  - Federal, state, and local taxes

	2010 Extraction Costs by Industry						
Industry	Number	Number Reporting	Percent Reporting	An	mount Reported	Percent of Tota Industry Cost	
Gold	24	22	91.7%	S	1,635,275,930	41.9%	
Copper	1	1	100.0%		105,681,385	34.8%	
Geothermal	15	- 11	73.3%		13,121,632	8.8%	
Oil and Gas	17	17	100.0%		4,004,544	32.0%	
ndustrial Minerals	44	36	81.8%		55,538,455	28.4%	
TOTAL	101	87	86,1%	s	1,813,621,946	39.7%	





### Nevada Department of Taxation Percent of Tax Proceeds to State and County Production NPM To State Total NPM Percentage NPM to County NPM to State GE 14,124,892 \$ 11,380,633 \$ 14,078,126 \$ 14,574,207 \$ 9,317,096 \$ 11,186,378 \$ 902,044 657,020 2001 2002 438,013,468 524,535,480 53% 54% 21,354,749 47% 46% 800,593 \$ 26,065,097 1,333,174 \$ 1,529,910 \$ 1,450,166 \$ 2,160,428 \$ 783,208,831 899,946,917 853,038,767 2003 2004 20,135,704 \$ 17,318,752 \$ 38 787 630 52% 53% 54% 52% 49% 46% 48% 47% 46% 48% 51% 54% 52% 50% 43,994,020 \$ 41,805,914 \$ 2005 2006 17,931,132 \$ 27,812,488 \$ 35,648,782 \$ 46,342,537 \$ 22.424.616 \$ 32 621 781 \$ 62.594.697 1 270 839 999 2007 2008 75,694,380 \$ 91,826,211 \$ 1,531,548,125 1,852,116,543 42.335.076 \$ 3.148.598 \$ 46,415,472 \$ 3,349,193 \$ 47,813,454 \$ 97,578,120 \$ 1,970,113,768 81,963,944 \$ 5,568,242 \$ 75,462,001 \$ 162,994,187 \$ 3,275,436,745 \$ 103,676,994 \$ 7,083,671 \$ 95,999,416 \$ 207,353,987 \$ 4,069,103,543

### **Desk Reviews**

- The purpose of a desk review is to:
- (1) Enable the Department to certify a value to be taxed;
- (2) Determine whether the reported gross yield is consistent with known and available market data;
- (3) Determine non-allowable deductions claimed by taxpayers short of reviewing source documents as in a full audit;
- (4) Determine instances of noncompliance in the reports with applicable statutes and regulations; and
- (5) Determine whether penalties and interest are due on late filed reports.

### **Desk Review Process**

- Check for completeness and timeliness
- Reasonableness testing
- Verify asset lists; compare to asset lists from property taxes and other sources
- Calculate the amount of depreciation
- Check the math on all entries
- Determine whether the cost is allowable; verify and ask for substantiation; especially "Other"
- Verify method of allocation
- Complex calculations for geothermals re PPA & ROI

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OPERATOR:		
COUNTY:		
MINE :		
Pursuant to NRS 362.130 the Department of Taxatio annual period ended December 31, 2010 an	n has considered the od finds the following	e Net Proceeds of Minerals report submitted for to assessment of Net Proceeds and Tax Due
1. Gross Yield	\$14,526,203	
2. Deductions Claimed		\$7,538,712
Disallowed Depreciation		(\$5.810)
Disallowed Taxes:		\$0
Disallowed Interest:		\$0
Disallowed Royalties: Disallowed Licenses / Fees:		\$0
Disallowed Pretimployment Expenses:		\$0
Disallowed Insurance		\$0 \$0
Disallowed Deduction Miscellaneous:		\$0
3. Deductions Not Allowed		(\$5.810)
4. Deductions Allowed	\$7,544,522	(00)010)
5. Net Proceeds Total Assessment (1) - (2) + (3)	\$6,981,681	6. Applicable Tax Rate = 5,0000%
7. Royalties	\$0	
7a. Nontax Royalties	\$0	
7b. Taxable Royalties	\$0	8. Applicable Tax Rate = 5,0000%
9. Tax Due On Net Proceeds (5) x (6)	\$349.084.05	14. Net / Gross Ratio = 48.0627%
10. Tax Due On Royalties Payable (7b) x (8)	\$0.00	40.002776
11. Credit / Taxes Carried Forward	(\$263.34)	
12. Projected Taxes Paid to Date 3/1/10 to 1/31/11	\$379,116.60	

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		Out of State Mining O	laims	\$3.780 NAC 3		
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Year	Gross Proceeds	Net Proceeds	# of Mines	Total Disallower Deductions
2009-2010	5,810,628,688	1,770,704,563	95	74,049,18
2008-2009	5,688,396,979	1,852,116,543	94	42,663,37
2007-2008	5,157,136,841	1,531,548,125	90	35,203,14
2006-2007	4,617,260,026	1,271,677,525	92	25,769,69
2005-2006 2004-2005	Total Dis	sallowed	81 87	28,259,21 66,101,70
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	42,0	63,373		
	35,2	203,143		
	25,7	69,698		
	28,2	259,213		
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### Appeals to State Board of Equalization

 NRS 362.135: Any person dissatisfied by any certification of the Department may appeal from that determination to the State Board of Equalization. The appeal must be filed within 30 days after the certification is sent to the taxpayer.

### Audits

- Field auditors go to the location where business records are held by the taxpayer.
- Reconciliation of taxpayer's report to the books and records of the taxpayer
- Verify gross yield from source documents
- Verify deductions from source documents
- Calculate the tax and the amount of any deficiency.

### **Questions?**