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Jonathan Gorman
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Re: Opportunity for Intervention in the Appeal of Big Springs Mine
(Permit Renewal)

Dear Mr. Gorman:

On August 8, 2005 the State Environmental Commission (SEC) received an appeal from Great Basin Mine Watch (GBMW) concerning the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit # NEV0087001. The Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) issued the permit renewal for the Big Springs Mine closure on July 26, 2005 and the permit will become effective on August 15, 2005. It is my understanding that NDEP has faxed you a copy of the GBMW appeal.

Please be advised that the Rules of Practice governing SEC appeals allow parties, which may be directly affected, to request an Order to Intervene in the appeal proceeding. Intervention is accomplished by filing a written Petition for Leave to Intervene with the SEC. The required contents of an Order to Intervene are defined in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445B.8915: These regulations are online at the addresses listed below.

You should be aware that a Petition for Leave to Intervene must be filed with the SEC not later than 10 calendar days after the commission received the notice of appeal.

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-445B.html#NAC445BSec8915>
<http://sec.nv.gov/>

If you have any questions about this matter please contact me at
(775) 687-9308

Sincerely,

John B. Walker
Executive Secretary

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