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**Re: State Environmental Commission (SEC) Appeal Hearing
Big Springs Mine -- NEV0087001**

The SEC Public Notice for the above referenced appeal is attached. The appeal is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th and, Thursday, March 30, 2006 in Carson City, Nevada.

The appeal will be conducted at the Office of the Attorney General, 2nd floor conference room. The office is located at 100 North Carson Street (i.e. across the street from the State Capitol). The appeal is scheduled to begin at 9: 00 a.m.

I have also attached two SEC documents of interest; the SEC "Outline For Procedures For Contested Hearings" and the Commissions "Rules of Practice" (The Rules of Practice are also online at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-445B.html#NAC445BSec875>)

As way of reminder, documents related to the Big Springs Mine Appeal are posted on the SEC website at: http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/big_springs_appeal05.htm

Sincerely

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