

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NEVADA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

HEARING ARCHIVE

FOR THE HEARING OF May 2, 2000

HELD AT: Carson City, Nevada

TYPE OF HEARING:

REGULATORY

YES APPEAL (Great Basin Mine Watch)

FIELD TRIP

ENFORCEMENT

VARIANCE

RECORDS CONTAINED IN THIS FILE INCLUDE:

YES AGENDA

YES PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF THE HEARING

LISTING OF EXHIBITS

AGENDA

NEVADA STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

As provided by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 233B and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), inclusive, a panel of the Nevada State Environmental Commission will conduct an appeal hearing on **Tuesday, May 2, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Nevada Attorney General's Mock Courtroom, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

This agenda has been posted at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas, the Washoe County Library in Reno, the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, the Department of Museums, Library, and Arts, and the Division of Environmental Protection Offices in Carson City, Nevada.

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interest and time of the persons attending.

I. Appeal Hearing - * ACTION

Great Basin Mine Watch, Tom Myers, Director, P.O. Box 10262, Reno, Nevada, 89510 and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, John Jackson, Tribal Councilman, 208 Capitol Hill, P.O. Box 256, Nixon, Nevada, 89424 jointly appeal the Notice of Decision dated March 23, 2000 by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation, on March 23, 2000, issued the Notice of Decision for Water Pollution Control Permit No. NEV88012 for the Wind Mountain Mine, owned and operated by Wind Mountain Mine Inc. The Bureau acted in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447. The permit authorizes Wind Mountain Mine Inc. to close the mine facility located in Washoe County, approximately 75 miles north-northeast of Reno, Nevada and 12 miles south of Gerlach, Nevada. The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation asserts the waters of the State will not be degraded from this operation and that public safety and health will be protected. The permit provides for the closure of the cyanide heap leach.

Note: This appeal hearing may be continued to Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at the above listed location

II. General Commission or Public Comment

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify, in writing, the Nevada State Environmental Commission, in care of David Cowperthwaite, Executive Secretary, 333 West Nye Lane, Room 138, Carson City, Nevada, 89706-0851; by facsimile to (775) 687-5856; or by calling (775) 687-4670 extension 3117 no later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2000.

NEVADA STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING

A three-member panel of the Nevada State Environmental Commission will conduct an appeal hearing in the matter of:

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The appellant asserts that the Division has authorized a discharge permit that has the potential to degrade the waters of the State. The appellant also asserts that standards have not been established for determining 'potential' causing the improper permitting of a substance that meets the definition of hazardous waste to be discharged to the subsurface environment.

The hearing will be held:

**Tuesday - May 2, 2000
10:00 a.m.
Mock Court Room - 2nd Floor
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Carson City, Nevada**

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This notice is issued pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 233B. The hearing will be held in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code, (NAC) 445B.875 to 445B.897, inclusive.

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