



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**  
**Proposed Regulation R045-18 and R046-18**  
**Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**  
**April 19, 2018; April 25, 2018 & April 26, 2018**

The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) is proposing to adopt regulations R046-18 amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Mining Water Pollution Control Regulations and R045-18 amending Chapter 519A NAC Mining Reclamation Regulations. Workshops will be held April 19, 25, & 26, 2018, at the following locations and times, to discuss the proposed changes and to receive comments from persons interested in the proposed regulatory amendment generally described below. A workshop agenda is attached.

**Tonopah**

**April 19, 2018**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nye County Commissioners Bldg.

Commissioners Chamber Room

101 Radar Street

Tonopah, NV 89049

**Elko**

**April 25, 2018**

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Elko City Hall

Council Chamber Room

1751 College Ave.

Elko, NV 89801

**Winnemucca**

**April 26, 2018**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Humboldt County Court House

Room 201

50 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Winnemucca, NV 89445

The Petition R046-18 proposes revisions to NAC 445A that would provide the regulatory authority for the Division to address proposed new definitions and numerous minor revisions to make the regulations easier to understand and in line with program operating practice from permitting through closure. Specific changes include: Simplifies material characterization requirements for physical separation facilities; Removal of pilot scale regulations; Clarifies that a facility will not be held accountable for exceeding a drinking water standard due to naturally elevated background; Establishes a minimum design standard in closure for process components to contain the 500-year storm event; Revises provisions to take action to prevent degradation of waters of the State when planned or unplanned temporary closure is not appropriately managing process fluids; and Replaces the requirement to provide public notice of a draft permit through publication in a newspaper with a requirement for e-notice.

The Petition R045-18 proposes revisions to NAC 519A that: Eliminates a conflict with NRS by removing the 36,500 ton limit for small miners; Adds renewable energy development and storage as a productive postmining land use; and Removes a requirement to provide public notice of a draft permit through publication in a newspaper and replaces it with a requirement for e-notice.

A copy of materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained online at the State Environmental Commission (SEC) website [http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing\\_0518.htm](http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0518.htm), at the workshops, or by contacting the BMRR at (775) 687-9400. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to Tom Gray ([tgray@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:tgray@ndep.nv.gov)), Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. **Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm, May 3, 2018.**

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meetings are requested to notify BMRR no later than 3 working days before the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the at the Division offices in Carson City and Las Vegas, the State Library and Archives in Carson City, workshop locations, local area libraries and post offices and websites of the Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Department of Administration, and the SEC.

This notice and agenda will also be sent to the regulated mining community and to the BMRR public notice email list.

**AGENDA**  
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The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) at the public workshops on proposed permanent regulation petition. The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory meeting scheduled for May 23, 2018. The following items may be taken out of order and/or items may be combined for consideration.

**1) Call to order and introductions**

**2) Public comment:**

Members of the public will be invited to speak; however, no action will be taken by the BMRR at this Public Workshop. Public comment may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Workshop moderator.

**3) Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation R045-18 and R046-18:**

BMRR will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 519A and 445A. R045-18 proposes to make changes to the requirements for Nevada Administrative Code 445A. R046-18 proposes to make changes to the requirements for Nevada Administrative Code 519A:

**4) Question and answer period for R045-18 and R046-18**

**5) Public comment for R045-18 and R046-18**

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**6) Adjournment**