



STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Public Workshops

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The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) is proposing changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A mining reclamation regulations. Workshops will be held April 18 and April 24, 2012. The regulations proposed to be changed or modified are available online at http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0612.htm.

Proposed changes include repeal of two regulations in response to an assessment of the mining reclamation regulations that was completed pursuant to Executive Order 2011-01. It is proposed to remove the option available for a permittee to provide a lesser surety amount than that required to complete reclamation (NAC 519A.360, Section 6) and the requirement that an annual fee be submitted or a third-party review be arranged if a corporate guarantee is used as a reclamation financial assurance (NAC 519A.382).

Additional proposed changes include requiring the reclamation plans for exploration projects and mining operations to include State of Nevada Handbook of Best Management Practices for erosion and sediment control and to describe proposed methods to monitor and control noxious weeds during reclamation (NAC 519A.135, NAC 519A.265, and NAC 519A.270). Revisions are proposed to clarify the required information a new operator must submit for transfer of a permit (NAC 519A.215) and, in certain circumstances, that local land use management agency approval may be necessary of proposed postmining uses of private lands (NAC 519A.280). Other regulation changes include revising certain provisions related to the use of insurance as surety provided for mining reclamation projects on private lands (NAC 519A.350) and requiring the operator's estimate of the reclamation cost to be developed assuming a third-party contractor completing the work (NAC 519A.360).

The workshops will consist of a brief presentation of the proposed regulation revisions by the Division followed by a question and answer period. Workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

Elko

April 18, 2012
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Elko City Hall
Council Chamber Room
1751 College Ave.
Elko, NV 89801

Carson City

April 24, 2012
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
DCNR, Bryan Building
5th Floor Conference Center
901 S. Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or assistance, or persons unable to attend these workshops, but desiring information on the regulation changes are requested to contact Paul Comba, Reclamation Branch Supervisor, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation in writing at Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation, 901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001, Carson City, NV 89701, by telephone at (775) 687-9402, or by e-mail at pcomba@ndep.nv.gov.