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March 23, 2017

Mr. Don Deines  
General Manager  
Rawhide Mining, LLC  
PO Box 2070  
Fallon, Nevada 89407

RE: Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation and Order No. 2577  
Class I Air Quality Operating Permit AP1041-2892 (FIN A0406)

Dear Mr. Deines:

On August 25, 2016, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) held an enforcement conference with Rawhide Mining, LLC (Rawhide) to discuss supporting information regarding the draft Notice of Alleged Violation and Order (NOAV) No. 2577. As a result of that meeting, NDEP formally issued the above NOAV. See attachment.

NDEP sent NOAV No. 2577 via certified mail on February 21, 2017, notifying Rawhide of its appeal rights pursuant to NRS 445B.340 and NRS 445B.360. Rawhide did not appeal the NOAV. Therefore, the State Environmental Commission (SEC) will determine the appropriate penalty for the violations contained in the above referenced NOAV on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bryan Building, Tahoe Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) located at 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City.**

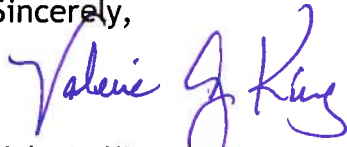
Pursuant to NRS 445B.640(1), the SEC may approve an administrative penalty of not more than \$10,000 per day per violation. During the May 3 meeting, NDEP will provide the SEC with a brief overview of the NOAV and the recommendation for an administrative penalty of \$6,480.00. This recommended penalty was calculated using a penalty matrix previously approved by the SEC.

Although your presence is not required at this meeting, you or a representative may wish to attend to speak on behalf of Rawhide.

The SEC may, without further notice, take administrative action against Rawhide if the SEC determines that such administrative action is warranted after it considers NOAV No. 2577.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me at (775) 687-9374.

Sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

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