## STATE OF NEVADA





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Proposed Regulation P2020-03 Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation March 4, 2020; March 11, 2020 & March 12, 2020

The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) is proposing to adopt regulations P2020-03 amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Mining Water Pollution Control Regulations. Workshops will be held March 4, 11, & 12, 2020, 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 March 4, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nye County Commissioners Bldg. Commissioners Chamber Room 101 Radar Street Tonopah, NV 89049 Elko March11, 2020 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Elko City Hall Council Chamber Room 1751 College Ave. Elko, NV 89801 Winnemucca
March 12, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Humboldt County Court House
Room 201
50 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445

The Petition P2020-03 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, as well as facilitate coordination with federal agencies. A new fee is proposed as part of these revisions. Specific changes include: Addition of a definition, description of requirements for submittal, and allowance for collection of a \$1500 fee for optional BMRR pre-application review of scientific studies and technical documents; addition of pre-application review to the items that must be considered when a prospective applicant meets with BMRR prior to permit application; modification of the permit fee schedule related to facilities in closure status; clarification that a permit must be maintained during the post-closure monitoring period; clarification of the acceptable material evaluations and methods used to characterize overburden, waste rock, and ore; revision of permit application requirements to include the 24-hour, 500-year storm event; clarification of when updates to tentative and final closure plans are necessary; clarification of requirements for construction asbuilt reports; removal of the definition of a small-scale facility and references thereto; and removal of references to pilot scale facilities.

A copy of materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained online at the State Environmental Commission (SEC) website <a href="http://sec.nv.gov/">http://sec.nv.gov/</a>, at the workshops, or by contacting the BMRR at (775) 687-9400. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to Aimee Keys (<a href="mailto:a.keys@ndep.nv.gov">a.keys@ndep.nv.gov</a>), 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, March 27, 2020.

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 Proposed Regulation P2020-03 Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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 July 1, 2020. 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 P2020-03

BMRR will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. P2020-03 proposes to make changes to the requirements for Nevada Administrative Code 445A.

## 4) Question and answer period for P2020-03

## 5) Public comment for P2020-03

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#### 6) Adjournment