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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Proposed Regulation P2015-04 Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) is proposing to adopt a regulation (P2015-04) amending Chapter 519A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC); Mining Reclamation Regulations. Workshops will be held August 4 and August 12, 2015, 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.

Elko August 4, 2015 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Elko City Hall Council Chamber Room 1751 College Ave. Elko, NV 89801

Carson City August 12, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bryan Building Tahoe Hearing Room 901 S. Stewart Street, Room 2001 Carson City, NV 89701

The proposed revisions to NAC 519A would provide the regulatory authority for the Division to address mine impacted waters, including contaminated surface water, groundwater, and seepage from waste rock storage facilities, open pits, and underground mines. If a mining operation had environmental liabilities related to mine impacted waters, the stabilization, management, control, or treatment of the mine impacted waters to prevent degradation of waters of the State and/or adverse effects to the health of human, terrestrial, or avian life would need to be addressed in the reclamation plan. The regulatory amendment would allow the Division to require costs associated with the reclamation measures appropriate for existing mine impacted waters be included in the project reclamation bond, and provide the authority to establish financial guarantee amounts for long-term fluid management costs, such as perpetual treatment, if warranted. The proposed regulation would also provide clarification that an operator may file a cash deposit with the Division to ensure that reclamation will be completed.

A copy of materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained on line at the State Environmental Commission (SEC) website <u>http://sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_1015.htm</u>, at the workshops, or by contacting the BMRR at (775) 687-9400. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to Paul Comba, 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 August 19, 2015.

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, at the State Library and Archives in Carson City, Elko City Hall, and websites of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Department of Administration, and the SEC.