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COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES

"Special Meeting" Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 South Carson Street Room #2135 Carson City, NV 89701

AGENDA

Thursday, January 16, 2014

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> RICHARD PERRY Administrator

> > 1:00 P.M.

The Agenda for this meeting of the Commission on Mineral Resources has been properly posted for this date and time in accordance with NRS requirement.

# CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL** 

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each person. <u>ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN</u>

# I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of draft changes to NAC 522 (Oil & Gas) to address the use of hydraulic fracturing in the drilling of exploration or production wells for oil and/or gas in Nevada. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** 

Background: The Nevada Legislature approved Senate Bill 390 (NRS 522.119), during the 2013 session, which reads as follows:

- 1. The Division of Minerals and the Division of Environmental Protection shall, jointly, develop a hydraulic fracturing program to:
  - (a) Assess the effects of hydraulic fracturing on the waters of the State of Nevada;
  - (b) Require a person who engages in hydraulic fracturing to disclose each chemical used to engage in hydraulic fracturing; and
  - (c) Provide for notice to members of the general public concerning activities relating to hydraulic fracturing in this state.

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2. The Commission on Mineral Resources shall adopt regulations to implement the hydraulic fracturing program required by subsection 1.

NDOM and NDEP are working with industry and environmental community stakeholders to develop a program for hydraulic fracturing that addresses direction from the legislature.

NDOM staff will present the program and recommend changes to NAC 522 which would establish new regulations for drilling of oil and gas wells where hydraulic fracturing will be used, and recommend other changes to update NAC 522.

The Commission can approve, request modifications or reject the program presented.

If the proposed program is approved, the language for changes in NAC 522 would be submitted to the Legislative Council Bureau for legal review. Once LCB has completed the legal review, staff would schedule public workshops at several venues in the State and gather public and industry recommendation and comments. These would be presented with a final draft of the recommended program to the Commission at a later date in 2014.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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#### NOTE:

The Chairperson, Commission on Mineral Resources, or other Presiding Officer of the Commission reserves the right to change the order of the agenda, and if the agenda has not been completed, to recess the meeting and continue on another specified date and time. Additionally, the Commission reserves the right to combine two or more agenda items, and/or remove an item from the agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

# FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Respectfully Submitted,

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Richard Perry, Administrator Division of Minerals