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This letter is to inform you the proposed regulatory changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 534A by the Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM) were approved by the Commission on Mineral Resources on November 5th, the Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission on December 2nd and the Interim Legislative Commission on December 21st. The approved regulations were subsequently filed with the Secretary of State and the regulatory changes to NAC 534A are now in full effect.

The changes in the geothermal regulations can be found on the Division of Minerals web site:

R057-15: <http://minerals.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/mineralsnvgov/content/About/R057-15A.pdf>

Highlights of R057-15

- 534A.205: Eliminates the requirement for a licensed water surveyor to locate geothermal wells. A professional land surveyor is now required.
- 534A.214: The annual fee for production and injection wells (industrial and commercial) has been increased from \$475 to \$600 per well. A new annual fee of \$100 per well for each unplugged observation or temperature gradient well, permitted by NDOM, is now in effect.
- 534A.350: The filing of two printed copies and one digital copy in LAS format of each electric log run is now required by the Division.
- 534A.480: Clarifies the plugging provisions for observation wells, where the well is to be plugged and abandoned in the same manner as production and injection wells.
- 534A.540 (3): Re-classifies the plugging and abandonment of a well to an Administrative sundry, lowering the fee from \$300 to \$100.

Please contact the Division of Minerals if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. M. Perry".

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