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NEVADA MINERALS INDUSTRY FACT SHEET – 2011

- FACT:** Nevada led the United States in the production of gold in 2011. Nevada's mines produced 5.536 million ounces, up from the 2010 production level of 5.338 million ounces. Nevada's silver production was 7.361 million ounces in 2011.
- FACT:** Nevada's gold mines contributed 73.5% of the U.S. gold production in 2011, and 6.4% of the total world's gold production.
- FACT:** About 24% of Nevada's gold was produced from underground mines in 2011.
- FACT:** In 2011, Nevada produced aggregates, barite, clays, copper, diatomite, dolomite, gypsum, lime and limestone, lithium compounds, magnesite, mercury, molybdenum, perlite, precious opals, salt, and silica sand.
- FACT:** In 2011, approximately \$9.48 billion in mineral commodities were produced in Nevada.
- FACT:** In 2011, there were on average 16,177 Nevadans directly employed by the mineral industry at an average salary of \$77,321. It is estimated that another 65,000 jobs are involved in supplying goods and services to the industry.
- FACT:** There are 20 geothermal electric generating plants that sold 2.173 million megawatt hours of electricity in 2011. That is enough power to supply 198,000 typical homes.
- FACT:** In 2011, approximately 408,000 barrels of oil were produced from oil fields in Nye and Eureka counties.
- FACT:** Mineral exploration activity remained strong in 2011, which should lead to additional discoveries and production in the future.