



STATE OF NEVADA  
 COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF MINERALS**  
 400 W. King Street, Suite 106  
 Carson City, Nevada 89703  
 (775) 684-7040 • Fax (775) 684-7052  
<http://minerals.nv.gov/>




**BRIAN SANDOVAL**  
 Governor

**Las Vegas Office:** 2030 E. Flamingo Rd. #220, Las Vegas, NV 89119  
 Phone: (702) 486-4343; Fax: (702) 486-4345

**RICHARD PERRY**  
 Administrator

**June 19, 2015**

**TO: Nevada Mine Operators involved in Reclamation**

**FROM: Richard Perry** 

**SUBJECT: Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards for 2015**

The Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Award Committee is seeking nominations for mining and exploration projects in Nevada which exhibit reclamation successes and innovative environmental protection techniques. This award is intended to showcase and share these successes with industry and the public. The goal of the program is to encourage reclamation practices that will result in better Plans of Operation submitted with sound reclamation plans and industry-raising standards while increasing the public's awareness of mine reclamation in our State.

The basis of the award is demonstrated reclamation success, but areas of innovation for the protection of air quality, water quality, offsite mitigation, concurrent reclamation, wildlife habitat enhancement, cultural preservation and cooperative partnerships will also be considered. The award program is described on the Division of Minerals' web site at: <http://minerals.nv.gov/Programs/Mining/ExcellenceMineReclamation/> A list of past awards is attached.

The Committee consists of representatives from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service and the Nevada Division of Minerals. The award(s) will be presented at the Nevada Mining Association Annual Convention at South Lake Tahoe on September 12, 2015. Winners will receive a custom engraved wall plaque, commemorative Nevada-shaped hard hat stickers for all site personnel, and the awards committee will issue a press release.

Individuals or companies can submit nominations. Nominations should be in the form of a report with supporting documentation and photographs or videos. Submissions are due by August 7, 2015, and may be submitted in .pdf format to [ndom@minerals.nv.gov](mailto:ndom@minerals.nv.gov), or mailed to the Division at:

Nevada Division of Minerals  
 400 West King Street Suite 106  
 Carson City, NV 89703

Letters or emails of support from regulatory personnel with oversight responsibility for the project are encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact the Nevada Division of Minerals at (775) 684-7040. You can also direct inquiries to:

Rich Perry – (775) 684-7047 – [rmperry@minerals.nv.gov](mailto:rmperry@minerals.nv.gov)  
 Mike Visher – (775) 684-7044 – [mvisher@minerals.nv.gov](mailto:mvisher@minerals.nv.gov)

***Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards***

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Project or Description</u></b>
2014	Rawhide Mining, LLC – Denton-Rawhide Mine Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. – Squaw Valley Ranch	Innovative Wildlife Protection Environmental Enhancement
2013	No Awards Given	
2012	Round Mountain Gold Corporation - Kinross/Barrick Joint Venture Newmont Mining Corporation – Twin Creeks Mine Piñon Tailings Facility Coeur Rochester, Inc. – Rochester Mine	Off-Site Wildlife Habitat Enhancement A Reclamation Design and Planning Cooperative Partnership in Wildlife Protection
2011	Newmont Mining Corporation - Mule Canyon Mine Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations – Argenta Mine Newmont Mining Corporation – Trinity Mine	Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Innovative Design and Planning Overall Mine Reclamation
2010	Homestake Mining Company of California - Wood Gulch Mine Newmont Mining Corporation – Twin Creeks Mine West Pit Backfill	Innovation in Reclamation Techniques Concurrent Reclamation
2009	Newmont Mining Corporation – Woodruff Creek Exploration Project Newmont Mining Corporation – Twin Creeks Mine Rapid Infiltration Basin Project Barrick Goldstrike Mines – Betze-Post Mine Clydesdale Waste Rock Facility	Concurrent Reclamation Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Innovative Design and Planning
2008	El Paso Corporation – Comstock Mill Site Newmont Mining Corporation – Lone Tree Mine	Leadership in Reclamation Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
2007	Anglogold Ashanti (Nevada) Corp. – Big Springs Mine Gold Corporation – Ruby Hill Mine Goldstrike Mines – Baza Rock Storage Area Mining Company – Marigold, Daisy, and Mother Lode Mines Turquoise Ridge Joint Venture – Getchell Mine	Innovation in Reclamation Techniques Barrick Innovative Design and Planning Barrick Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Marigold Leadership in Reclamation Leadership in Reclamation
2006	Newmont Mining Corporation – Bootstrap Mine	Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
2005	Cortez Gold Mines – Pipeline Mine Rosebud Mining Company – Rosebud Mine Turquoise Ridge Joint Venture – Turquoise Ridge Mine	Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Overall Mine Reclamation Innovation in Reclamation Techniques
2004	Placer Dome US – Bald Mountain Mine Northeast Nevada Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Queenstake Resources USA – Jerritt Canyon Mine Burns Basin Haul Road and Facilities Round Mountain Gold Corporation – Smoky Valley Common Operation – South Waste Rock Dump Hugh Calvin Ingle – Ingle Gravity Flotation Mill John D. Lee – Fat Cat Mill Site	Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Innovation in Reclamation Techniques Leadership in Reclamation Mine Reclamation – Small Operation Site Restoration – Small Operation

2003	Barrick Gold Corporation - Ruby Hill Mine Miramar Gold Corporation - Paymaster Mine Nevada Gold Mining, Inc. - Sleeper Mine Newmont Mining Corporation - Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail System	Leadership in Reclamation Site Restoration - Small Operation Pit Lake Remediation Post-Mining Land Use
2002	City of Sparks - The Sparks Marina Park Coeur Rochester, Inc. - Rochester Mine Equatorial Tonopah, Inc. - Tonopah Mine Glamis Gold Inc. - Glamis Dee Gold Mine Newmont Mining Corporation - Hollister Mine	Urban Mine Reclamation Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Leadership in Reclamation Overall Mine Reclamation Innovative Design and Planning
2001	AngloGold (Jerritt Canyon) Corp. - Jerritt Canyon Mine Barrick Bullfrog Inc. - Bullfrog Mine Miramar Gold Corporation - Golden Eagle Mine Pinson Mining Company - Pinson Mine Round Mountain Gold Corp. - Manhattan Mine Site United States Forest Service - Mary Beth Marks	Mining and Wildlife Research Post-Mining Land Use Mine Reclamation - Small Operation Overall Mine Reclamation Recontouring and Revegetation Leadership in Mine Reclamation
2000	Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. - AA Heap Leach Cutthroat Mining Corp. - Treasure Hawk Mine Echo Bay Minerals Company - McCoy / Cove Mine Placer Dome U.S. Inc. - Alligator Ridge Mine	Innovative Design and Planning Site Restoration - Small Operation Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Overall Mine Reclamation
1999	Glamis Gold Ltd. - Marigold Mine Homestake Mining Company - Santa Fe/Calvada Homestake Mining Company - Ruby Hill Mine Newmont Mining Corp. - Bobs Flat Roy Winder - Bird Mine/Sage Claims	Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Overall Mine Reclamation Innovative Design and Planning Off-Site Mitigation Mine Reclamation - Small Operation
1998	No Awards Given	
1997	Barrick Bullfrog Inc. - Bullfrog Mine	Mine Reclamation
1996	Battle Mountain Gold - Copper Basin Florida Canyon Mining - Florida Canyon Mine Kennecott Copper Corp. - McGill Tailings Midas Joint Venture - Ken Snyder Mine Newmont Gold - South Operations Area	Mine Reclamation Overall Reclamation Mine Reclamation Direction in Mine Reclamation Reclamation and Planning
1995	Western Mining Corp. - Hog Ranch Mine Western States Minerals - Willard Mine	Innovation in Reclamation Techniques Overall Reclamation
1994	Alta Gold - Illipah Mine Echo Bay Minerals - Borealis Mine LAC Minerals - Charlie Project Rayrock Mines/WES Const. - Ren Mine	Mine Reclamation Overall Mine Reclamation Revegetation and Recontouring Outstanding Rehabilitation
1993	Echo Bay Minerals - McCoy Mine IMV Division of Florida - Armagosa Valley Placer Dome, U.S. - Bald Mountain Mine Santa Fe Pacific Gold - NV Exploration Project USMX - White Pine Co. Mines	Waste Rock Dumps Mine Reclamation Mine Reclamation Mine Reclamation Innovative Design / Mine Planning
1992	Florida Canyon Mining - Relief Canyon	Mine Reclamation

Homestake Mining Company - Wood Gulch  
JDL Construction - Railroad Valley Sand and  
Gravel Operations

Drill Roads  
Reclamation Materials

1991

Echo Bay Minerals - Borealis Mine Independence  
Mining Company - Kent McAdoo Independence  
Mining Company  
Pinson Mining Company - Dan Harper

Mine Reclamation  
Innovative Ideas  
Drill Roads  
Leadership in Reclamation