NEVADA MINERALS INDUSTRY FACT SHEET – 2008


FACT: Nevada’s gold mines contributed 77% of the U.S. gold production in 2008, and 8% of the total world’s gold production.

FACT: About 24% of Nevada’s gold was produced from underground mines in 2008.

FACT: In 2008, 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 2008, approximately $6.1 billion in mineral commodities (not counting oil and geothermal) were produced in Nevada.

FACT: In 2008, there were on average 12,198 Nevadans directly employed by the mineral industry at an average salary of $77,037. It is estimated that another 48,000 jobs are involved in supplying goods and services to the industry.

FACT: There are 17 geothermal electric generating plants that produced 1.38 million megawatt hours of electricity in 2008. That is enough power to supply 80,000 typical homes.

FACT: In 2008, approximately 436,000 barrels of oil were produced from oil fields in Nye and Eureka counties.

FACT: Mineral exploration activity remained strong in 2008, which should lead to additional discoveries and production in the future.