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NEVADA MINERALS INDUSTRY FACT SHEET – 2010

- FACT:** Nevada led the United States in the production of gold in 2010. Nevada's mines produced 5.339 million ounces, up from the 2009 production level of 5.033 million ounces. Nevada's silver production was 7.36 million ounces in 2010.
- FACT:** Nevada's gold mines contributed 72% of the U.S. gold production in 2010, and 7% of the total world's gold production.
- FACT:** About 26% of Nevada's gold was produced from underground mines in 2010.
- FACT:** In 2010, 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 2010, approximately \$7.5 billion in mineral commodities were produced in Nevada.
- FACT:** In 2010, there were on average 12,211 Nevadans directly employed by the mineral industry at an average salary of \$83,172. It is estimated that another 51,000 jobs are involved in supplying goods and services to the industry.
- FACT:** There are 20 geothermal electric generating plants that sold 2.1 million megawatt hours of electricity in 2010. That is enough power to supply 110,000 typical homes.
- FACT:** In 2010, approximately 427,000 barrels of oil were produced from oil fields in Nye and Eureka counties.
- FACT:** Mineral exploration activity remained strong in 2010, which should lead to additional discoveries and production in the future.