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From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Nevada BLM Surface Management Reclamation Bonding Guidance Update

The surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809 were revised effective January 20, 2001. The revised regulations necessitate the Nevada Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bonding Policy and Guidance Document issued by Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. NV-2000-077 on September 19, 2000, be updated to reflect the provisions of the revised regulations. This IM updates Nevada's bonding guidelines and replaces IM No. NV-2000-077.

The attached guidelines establish current policy and guidance in the bonding procedures for both notices and plans of operations. The guidelines list the acceptable bond instruments and provide copies of the appropriate bond and rider forms to be used in the bonding process. The guidelines also list the administrative costs that are to be used when completing reclamation cost estimates, as well as the criteria for bond reduction and release. For all bond determinations, the required bond amount will be shown in a whole dollar amount. For plans of operations, the bond determination is to be rounded up to the nearest \$100.00.

The primary changes in the guidelines reflect the revised 3809 regulation requirements for bonding of notice level operations; the additional financial guarantee instruments acceptable for reclamation bonds; the fact that BLM will no longer accept new corporate guarantees; and the need to provide notification and a 30-day comment period in the final release of bonds held for plans of operations. For plans of operations, the procedures used to complete

reclamation cost estimates and the criteria used in bond reductions and releases remain unchanged.

Questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to Larry Steward (775) 861-6575 or Cindi Dragon (775) 861-6458 in the Nevada State Office, Division of Minerals Management.

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1 Attachment

1. Nevada BLM Bonding Process for Notices and Plans of Operations  
Authorized by 43 CFR 3809 (37 pp)