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ROBERT GHIGLIERI
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NEVADA DIVISION OF MINERALS SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

August 6th, 2025

RE: Proposed Permanent Changes to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 522

I, Robert Ghiglieri, Administrator, Nevada Division of Minerals, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in the statement is accurate:

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608, the proposed administrative regulation changes are not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

Background and purpose:

The Division of Minerals (Division) regulates the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas in accordance with NRS Chapter 522 and NAC Chapter 522.010-730, inclusive. The Division is proposing modifications to NAC 522 in accordance with Executive Order EO 2023-003. As part of the Division's due diligence, a small business impact questionnaire was developed to seek input from the State of Nevada's oil and gas operators on the proposed changes.

Statement of methods used in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business:

The Division developed a digital questionnaire which presented the proposed modifications to NAC 522 and asked whether each change would impact a small business in accordance with NRS 233B.0608. The questionnaire was transmitted by email to the four operating oil and gas operators within the state. The Division received one response to the questionnaire, which stated that the business did not qualify as a small business as defined by NRS 233B.0382. Division program and administrative staff internally reviewed the proposed modifications and concluded they will not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

Evaluation of impact:

The proposed modifications to NAC 522 are meant to streamline or remove burdensome regulations on oil and gas operators within the state. NAC 522.210 removed language requiring a location plat prepared by a licensed surveyor; NAC 522.215 pushed back the date operators are required to submit drill cuttings to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology from immediately to 90 days after well completion; NAC 522.232

removed the requirement to notify the Division if drill casing was reused in hydraulic fracturing operations; NAC 522.345 removed language specifying what gas could be used for; NAC 522.495 removed the language specifying the requirements of a surveyed location plat; NAC 522.510 added language allowing operators to submit digital copies of well surveys; and NAC 522.515 removed language requiring multiple paper copies of reports to be submitted, allowing one digital report.

Division staff reviewed the proposed modifications and concluded they will not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Ghiglieri', with a stylized, flowing script.

Robert Ghiglieri
Administrator
Nevada Division of Minerals