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Sandra Jauregui, Chair
Legislative Commission
401 S. Carson Street,
Carson City, NV 89701

Chair Jauregui,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed regulation R145-24519, which is a regulation that establishes fees on Nevada's mining industry to bolster an existing trust fund for short-term fluid management. As you know, the Nevada Mining Association consists of more than 500 companies that comprise Nevada's mining industry and rely, in whole or in part, on this state's foundational industry. These member companies are engaged across the broad spectrum of the industry in Nevada, from exploration and discovery to development and construction, to operation and production, to closure and reclamation. NVMA provides a voice for Nevada's mining industry in federal, state, and local policy matters, community engagement, public education, and workforce development.

We are happy to support the approval of this regulation today, and we appreciate the Division of Environmental Protection for its early outreach to the industry and for meeting with us multiple times to craft a regulation that works for both the state and the industry. Nevada has the highest environmental standards in the world for mining operations, and this trust fund is another example of this. This trust fund is essentially an insurance account. It provides immediate funding for the state to manage process fluids to prevent any environmental issues in the event of a default. The fund bridges the gap until the reclamation bond can be accessed. The mining industry provided the initial funding to create this account, and we are now stepping up to provide more funding to ensure the necessary resources exist.

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Thank you for your time and attention to these issues, and for your service to the state of Nevada. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Vice President
Nevada Mining Association

