

LCB File No. R069-99

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES**

NOTICE OF INTENT AND HEARING

As a result of the passage and approval of AB103 and AB450, the Commission on Mineral Resources is giving notice of the Commission's intent to adopt and/or amend certain regulations.

The proposed text of the adopted and/or amended regulations is attached. It is the Commission's intent to hold the adoption hearing on July 26, 1999.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bold italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~+~~ is material to be omitted.

Pursuant to NRS 513.094, NAC 513.094 is created to read as follows: *“An Additional fee of \$1.00 per claim, is imposed upon all filing to which NRS 517.185 applies. Each county recorder shall collect and pay over the additional fee, and the additional fee must be deposited in the same manner as provided in that section.”*

Pursuant to NRS 513.011

NAC 513.240 is amended to read as follows: “Division” defined. “Division means the division of minerals of the ~~{department of business and industry}~~ *commission on mineral resources.*”

NAC 517.185 is created to read as follows: *“In addition to any recording fee, each filing pursuant to NRS 517.050, 517.080, 517.110, 517.140, 517.200 and 517.230 must be submitted with a filing fee of \$3.50 per claim.”*

Pursuant to NRS 513.011

NAC 519A.525 is amended to read as follows: *““Division” defined. “Division means the division of minerals of the ~~department of business and industry~~ commission on mineral resources.”*

NAC 519A.640 is created to read as follows: *“An operator who is required by federal law to file a plan of operation or an amended plan of operation with the United States Bureau of Land Management or the United States Forest Service for operations relating to mining or exploration on public land administered by a federal agency, shall, not later than 30 days after approval of the plan or amended plan, provide the division of minerals with a copy of the filing and pay to the division of minerals a fee of \$30 for each acre of part of an acre of land to be disturbed by mining included in the plan or incremental acres to be disturbed pursuant to an amended plan.”*

Pursuant to NRS 513.011

NAC 522.078 is amended as follows: *““Division” defined. “Division means the division of minerals of the ~~department of business and industry~~ commission on mineral resources.”*

Pursuant to NRS 522.050

NAC 522.211 is created to read as follows: *“A person desiring to drill a well in search of oil or gas shall notify the division of that intent on a form prescribed by the division and shall pay a fee of \$200 for a permit for each well. Upon receipt of notification and fee, the division shall promptly issue such a person a permit to drill, unless the drilling of the well is contrary to law or a regulation or order of the division. The drilling of a well is prohibited until a permit to drill is obtained in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.”*

Pursuant to NRS 522.150, NAC 522.516 is created to read as follows: *“To pay the expenses of the division, every producer of oil or natural gas in this state shall on or before the last day of each month report to the division and to the state treasurer his production in this state of oil in barrels and of natural gas in thousands of cubic feet during the preceding month, and at the same time shall pay to the division an administrative fee of \$0.07 on each barrel of oil and on every 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas produced and marketed by him during the preceding month. The division shall deposit with the state treasurer, for credit to the account for the division of minerals, all money received pursuant to this subsection. Every person purchasing such oil or natural gas is liable for the payment of the administrative fee per barrel of oil or per 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas, unless it has been paid by the producer.”*

Pursuant to NRS 513.011

NAC 534A.037 is amended to read as follows: *““Division” defined. “Division means the division of minerals of the ~~department of business and industry~~ commission on mineral resources.”*

NAC 534A.214 is amended to read as follows: “On or before January 31 of each year, the owner of the geothermal resource or the operator of a geothermal production well or injection well shall submit to the division a fee of ~~[\$300]~~ \$475 for each well which produced or was used to dispose of fluids derived from geothermal resources into an underground reservoir during the preceding calendar year.”