

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

- 9:00 A.M. **Welcome and Introductions**
Moderator: *Gregory E. Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission*
- 9:15 A.M. **Overview of Hardrock Mineral Development in the West**
- ▶ **Update on Nevada Mineral Production and Exploration**, *Alan Coyner, Nevada Division of Minerals*
 - ▶ **Overview of Mineral Exploration and Development in the U.S.**, *David Wilburn, U.S. Geological Survey*
 - ▶ **Congressional/Legislative Update**, *Kathy Benedetto, House Natural Resources Committee*
 - ▶ **State Presentations and Roundtable Discussion -- Overview of Key Mineral Development Issues from the States:** Topics to Include: Mining Law reform; recent state regulatory program enhancements; prospecting moving toward active mining; reactivation of historic mining districts; mine mapping initiatives; abandoned and inactive mines.
- Noon **Lunch in the Garden Atrium (Provided by IMCC)**
- 1:00 P.M. **Permitting Issues in Today's Mining Environment**
- ▶ **Wetlands (404 Primacy; Compensatory Mitigation)**, *Tom Crafford, Alaska Department of Natural Resources*
 - ▶ **EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment**, *Allan Nakanishi, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation*
 - ▶ **Pit Lakes**, *Dave Gaskin, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection*
 - ▶ **Good Samaritan Protections – Recent EPA Memo**, *Loretta Pineda, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety*

- 3:00 P.M. **Break**
- 3:15 P.M. **Financial Assurance (Bonding) Associated with Mining Operations, Including Long-Term Water Quality Impacts**
- ▶ **Financial Assurance Challenges**, *Loretta Pineda and Tony Waldron, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety*
 - ▶ **Closure and Post-Closure Requirements**, *Discussion Leader: Dave Gaskin, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection*
 - ▶ **Use of Trust Funds & Other Mechanisms**, *Tom Crafford, Alaska Department of Natural Resources*
 - ▶ **Impact of EPA's Proposed Rule Under Section 108(b) of CERCLA**, *Bill Brancard, New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department*
 - ▶ **Q&A Roundtable Discussion: Bonding Issues**
- 5:00 P.M. **Adjourn for the Day**
- 6:00 P.M. **Social Networking Reception**
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- 8:30 A.M. **DOE Report to Congress re. Abandoned Uranium Mines**, *Ray Plieness, Office of Legacy Management, U.S. Department of Energy*
- 9:30 A.M. **Environmental and Land Use Planning – Overview by participating states followed by interactive discussion on topics to include:**
- **Endangered Species & Critical Habitat** (*Sage Grouse, Polar Bear, etc.*)
 - **Historic and Cultural Resource Issues**
 - **NEPA Process Issues** (*State Role as Cooperating Agencies*)
 - **Human Health Impact Assessments**
 - **Federal Coordination** (*Interaction with EPA, BLM, FS, Corps*)
 - **Interactions with Local Governments**
 - **Other Topics of Interest to Attendees**

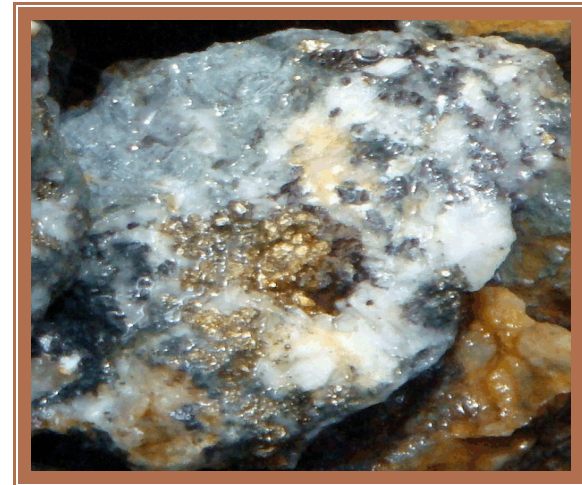
11:30 A.M. **Next Steps; Follow-On Actions; Wrap-up**

Noon **Adjourn**

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