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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

**STATE OF NEVADA
Division of Industrial Relations
Mine Safety and Training Section**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

To Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations

(This is not a Notice of Intent to Act on a Regulation)

The Department of Business and Industry, Division of Industrial Relations (DIR), Mine Safety and Training Section (MSTS), located at 400 West King Street, Ste. 210, Carson City, Nevada 89703 (Tele. No. 775/684-7085) is proposing the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations pertaining to Chapter 512 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

A public workshop to discuss/address these proposed changes has been scheduled for **June 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** at the following location:

Western Nevada Community College
Cedar Building, Room 308
2201 West College Parkway
Carson City, Nevada 89703

The workshop will also be broadcast, via videoconference, to the following site where public participation is also welcomed:

Great Basin Community College
Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Room 130
1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada 89801

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulation modifications and/or adoptions:

1. Amend NAC 512.158, Ladders and Ladderways:
 - Provide for use and construction of vertical shafts without ladderways;
 - Provide secondary or emergency personnel hoisting device with a power supply that is independent from the primary power source; or
 - Connect a drift or decline to the surface where personnel hoists are not required.

2. Amend NAC 512.178, Mercury Treatment Plants:
 - Specify the areas where the health and safety of workers may be at risk in handling and exposures to Mercury;
 - Specify persons required to submit to medical testing for mercury and the frequency of testing;
 - Review various national consensus standards regarding appropriate respiratory protection devices.
3. Adopt regulations regarding Ground Support, including but not limited to:
 - Minimum shotcrete requirements;
 - Nozzleman certification;
 - Minimum thickness requirements and record keeping;
 - 10/15/28 day cure records;
 - engineering/rock mechanic input for written Ground Support Plan.
4. Adopt regulations regarding Surface Mine Rescue Equipment, including but not limited to:
 - Specific surface emergency response training;
 - Provide for current rope and equipment logs;
 - Provide for instructor certification and competency.
5. Adopt regulations using national consensus standards regarding Permissive Exposure Limits to air contaminants.
6. Adopt regulations using national consensus standards regarding Hazard Communication Programs.
7. Amend regulations regarding Respiratory Protection Programs.
8. Adopt regulations regarding Permissible Exposure Limits to Occupational Noise.

A copy of materials currently drafted relating to the proposed Regulation Modifications/Adoptions may be obtained at the workshop.

Interested persons are invited to attend and prepare written and/or oral comments and/or drafts of proposed regulations for consideration by the Division. Prior to the public workshop, persons may submit written comments to Jeff Bixler, Safety Manager II, DIR, MSTs, 400 West King Street, Ste. 210, Carson City, Nevada 89703.

After the comments have been reviewed and considered, DIR may give notice of intent to act on the regulations and conduct one or more public hearings to solicit additional written and/or oral comments, data, and views on the proposed regulations.

Persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act who require special assistance to participate in the meeting may contact, at least two days prior to the meeting, Lisa Barnes at DIR MSTS, 400 West King Street, Ste. 210, Carson City, Nevada 89703, or by calling 775/684-7013 to arrange for reasonable accommodations.

This Notice of Public Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations has been sent to all persons on MSTs's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

DIR-MSTS, 400 West King Street, Ste. 210, Carson City, NV 89703
DIR, 1301 North Green Valley Parkway, Ste. 200, Henderson, NV 89074
DIR, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg F, Ste. 153, Reno, NV 89502
Capitol Building, Main Floor, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Capitol Press Room, Capitol Building Basement, Carson City, NV 89701
Nevada Attorney General's Office, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Donald W. Reynolds Press Center, 102 N. Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Blasdel Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Nevada Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101
All State and County libraries, and posted on:

Division of Industrial Relations Website: <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/MSTS/msts.htm>