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Nevada Reclamation Awards



The Nevada Reclamation Awards evaluation committee touring the SSR Marigold Facility Reclamation Project during the 2026 reclamation award evaluation tour.



View looking across the reclaimed Rain Mine North Waste Rock Disposal Facility.



View from atop the reclaimed Marigold Facility tailings repository.



An EcoVap pilot evaporation tower at the Rain Mine North Waste Rock Disposal Facility.

The Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards Committee is seeking nominations for outstanding mining or exploration projects in Nevada which exhibit excellent mitigation of the environmental impacts of mineral industry activity.

The basis of the award is outstanding reclamation success; however, areas of innovation in mine reclamation, cooperative partnerships, cultural preservation, off-site mitigation, wildlife habitat enhancement, abandoned mine lands hazard mitigation, and other similar areas may be considered.

For more information, please visit the
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Deadline for the 2027 award year is

May 14th, 2027

2026 Award Winners

SSR Mining Inc., Marigold Mine

Marigold Mining Facility Reclamation Project

AWARD CATEGORY

Tailings Reclamation



View of a drainage feature constructed at the toe of the reclaimed tailings facility

SSR Mining received recognition for its comprehensive reclamation of a legacy tailings facility dating back to the late 1980s. The project transformed a pre regulation impoundment into a stable, naturally integrated landform through large scale earthwork, evapotranspiration cover construction, adaptive grading, and native revegetation. Long term monitoring confirmed strong vegetation performance, drainage stability, and a fully functional reclaimed landscape that blends seamlessly into its surroundings.

Nevada Gold Mines, Rain Mine

North Waste Rock Disposal Facility

AWARD CATEGORY

Innovation in Reclamation Techniques



View looking across the reclaimed North Waste Rock Disposal Facility.

Nevada Gold Mines earned recognition for its pioneering approach to mitigating acid rock drainage at a legacy waste rock facility constructed without an engineered base. The company installed an innovative 80-mil geosynthetic liner system, paired with targeted earthwork, stormwater controls, and native revegetation across approximately 78 acres. A new passive evaporation tower system is being tested below the waste rock disposal facility. The pilot tests indicate an approximately 20 times increase in evaporation rates versus pond evaporation alone.

KG Mining (Bald Mountain) Inc.

Little Bald Mountain Rock Disposal Area

HONORABLE MENTION



View from atop the reclaimed Little Bald Mountain Rock Disposal Area toward the Little Bald Mountain open pit.

KG Mining was awarded an Honorable Mention for the timely and high quality reclamation of approximately 83 acres at the Little Bald Mountain Rock Disposal Area. The area was regraded, covered with growth media, and seeded with a BLM approved Great Basin native mix in late 2025. Early monitoring shows vegetation establishment and wildlife use consistent with the region's arid environment. The Committee emphasized the project's efficient three week completion and strong example of concurrent reclamation and integration with the surrounding landscape.