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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ESSEX PIT MINE AND RECLAMATION PLAN

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the below-named project.

**Project Title:** Mesquite Lake Mine Reclamation Plan

**Project No.:** AP20120002

**Project Location:** 5 miles south of Sandy Valley, Nevada, northeast of the Clark Mountains within the dry lakebed of Mesquite Lake. Assessor's Parcel Number: Portion of 0572-231-02 and 0572-271-33.

**Project Description:** Reclamation Plan for surface mining of gypsum (gypsite) on 160 acres and a 10 acre mill site.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at [www.sbcounty.gov](http://www.sbcounty.gov) and at the following physical locations:

San Bernardino County Government Center  
Land Use Services Department, First Floor  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

High Desert Government Center  
15900 Smoke Tree St. Suite 131  
Hesperia, CA 92345

If unavailable on the web site, the document may be obtained in electronic format by telephoning the Land Use Services Department at (909) 387-4131 or, or by emailing the project Planner at [ernestperea@ymail.com](mailto:ernestperea@ymail.com) to request a PDF version of the document.

The public comment period will end on October 22, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Please submit comments to

[ernestperea@ymail.com](mailto:ernestperea@ymail.com) or to:

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**Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be scheduled to consider adoption of the Final IS/MND at a future date. In advance of the hearing date, Staff will distribute a separate notice regarding that hearing.