The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Western Regional Office (WRO), and the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), jointly prepared this agreement for the evaluation of Title V implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act in Utah.

This OSM-Utah agreement establishes the basic elements to be evaluated in Utah. Evaluations will be directed and conducted by the OSM-Utah team in accordance with its team charter.

OSM Directive REG-8 serves as guidance for the selection of evaluation topics. The specific topics that will be chosen for review are those that are important to citizens, operators, WRO, and DOGM.

The chosen topics will fall into one or both of the following categories: environmental protection and customer service. For the environmental protection topics, the team will evaluate whether DOGM assures that offsite mine impacts are prevented and mine site reclamation is successful. For the customer service topics, the team will evaluate the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of DOGM’s assistance to stakeholders. A list of the topics, as well as the joint complete inspections, that have been selected for Evaluation Year (EY) 2007 are attached.

This agreement will become effective the 1st day of July 2006, and will remain in effect until revised. Mutually agreed upon by the OSM-Utah evaluation team and team coaches:

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EY 2007 Evaluation Activities for Utah

Special Focus Evaluations

- Coal exploration (reclamation success) – this topic will review reclamation success at coal exploration sites.

- Alternative sediment control areas (off-site impacts) – this topic will be based on recommendations from the 1996 evaluation to assess off-site impacts.

- Division website-customer survey (customer service) – this topic will explore customer service by evaluating the needs of the DOGM’s website customers.

Complete Inspections

- Skyline Mine (C/007/0005)
- Hidden Valley Mine (C/015/0007)
- Bear Canyon Mine (C/015/0025)
- Star Point Mine (C/007/0006)
- Star Point Refuse (C/007/0042)