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VIA E-MAIL

To All Coal Operators

Subject: Submittal of 2007 Annual Report

Dear Mine Operator:

The Division has evaluated the annual reporting requirements for year 2007 and has compiled a revised Annual Report Form (copy attached), which is specific to each individual mine. This new form will require you to edit some basic mine information, fill in pertinent reporting information and return the reported information for each of your mining operations. Information that is required by rule to be submitted on an annual basis (such as an annual impoundment certification) will need to be provided. Other information that is required to be reported as part of your mining and reclamation plan (MRP), will also need to be identified and submitted.

New Procedures for Annual Report Processing

For all of the active mines, the Division staff has compiled a list of commitments taken from each Mining and Reclamation Plan and Permit Conditions document, and have incorporated them into the Annual Report form. These commitments may or may not require a response within the timeframe of this annual report, but they are being listed in order to help us all to remember those commitments and comply with their requirements. For the inactive mines the commitment list has not been compiled, but there may still be permit conditions or requirements in your MRP that need action. Compilation, completion and review of the annual reports will need to be made in accordance with the following schedule:

- Division will send out a revised annual report form by end of first quarter (by March 31).
- Operator will complete the report and submit required annual information by end of second quarter (by June 30).
- Inspectors will review annual report information with the Operator during a Complete Inspection by the end of the 3rd third quarter (by September 30). The inspection report will document the review of the Annual Report and will be the concluding document if all is in order. If the required information is not included, a compliance action may occur.

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- If a more detailed review is needed of a specific topic (such as raptor surveys – will be handled separately as a Special Project during the fourth quarter (by December 31).

Please submit two copies of the Annual Report by June 30, 2008 (one copy to the Salt Lake Office and one to the Price Field Office). Also remember that confidential information, such as raptor surveys or archeology reports need to be identified as confidential and submitted in a separate folder marked confidential. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "H".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor