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All Coal Operators

Subject: 2008 Coal Mining Annual Reports for Active and Inactive Coal Mines, Outgoing File

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, please find an updated 2008 Annual Report document. This single document is to be used by the operator, the inspector, and the DOGM staff. This 2008 Annual Report document is being sent in a format that is compatible with most word-processing programs, and you should be able to open the file and enter your information directly into the form electronically. When completed, it can be submitted to the Division electronically. If for some reason you cannot make use of this electronic format, please fill out a hard copy and mail it to the Division at:

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210
Post Office Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

The 2008 Annual Report form includes entries for regulatory requirements, such as annual impoundment certification; however, many Mining and Reclamation Plans include unique, mine-specific commitments that also must be reported annually. The Division has compiled these commitments for each mine and incorporated them into a 2008 Annual Report form that is distinct for each mine. Both these commitments and the regulatory requirements need to be addressed in the 2008 Annual Report. Timing for the 2008 Annual Report submittal is outlined below.


- The Division will send out 2008 Annual Report forms by February 28, 2009.
- The Operator will submit the required information by May 15, 2009.
- The Inspectors will review 2008 Annual Report information during a complete inspection by July 31, 2009. If required information is not included, the Division can initiate enforcement and compliance action.
- If the Inspector determines that more review is needed of a specific item, the Inspector will comment and forward the 2008 Annual Report to an assigned staff member.
- This additional review will be handled separately, as a Special Project, and completed by October 31, 2009.



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If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325 or Dave Darby at (801) 538-5341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daron Haddock for DH". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure
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