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Subject: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of the Utah Coal Regulatory Program (Division of Oil, Gas and Mining & Federal Office of Surface Mining), Outgoing File

Dear Sir/Madam:

Each year the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM) and the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining (OSM) jointly evaluate DOGM's program for regulation of coal mining in Utah. We determine how effectively DOGM is (1) ensuring that land reclamation on coal mines is contemporaneous and successful, (2) preventing offsite impacts to lands and waters adjacent to coal mine permit areas, and (3) providing service to its customers. Our evaluation process includes the selection of specific coal mining and land reclamation topics to evaluate these criteria.

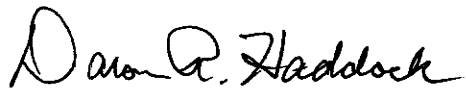
We are requesting your comments on OSM's oversight process, your recommendations for evaluation topics, and suggestions for improvements to our future annual reports. Recommendations for evaluation topics should be geared towards determining how effective DOGM's program is in ensuring successful contemporaneous reclamation, preventing offsite impacts, and providing customer service. Our next oversight evaluation period is from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

At the end of each evaluation period, OSM writes a report that addresses DOGM's effectiveness in implementing its coal regulatory program. The evaluation reports are accessible through the OSM Internet home page at <http://www.osmre.gov>. Under "Resources," click on "References." Then click on "Evaluation Reports for States and Tribes." Select both the year and state you are interested in downloading. These reports may also be found on the DOGM website at <http://www.ogm.utah.gov/>.



If you have any suggestions or questions on the annual evaluation process, please contact us by March 31, 2011. You may e-mail your suggestions to Daron Haddock, DOGM, at daronhaddock@utah.gov, telephone (801) 538-5325, Howard Strand, OSM, at hstrand@osmre.gov, telephone (303) 293-5026, or mail us a letter at the addresses shown below.

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