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Greetings,

Recently, the upper management of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched a department wide initiative to utilize geographic information system (GIS) technology. As I'm sure you're already aware, GIS technology is an effective and powerful tool in capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information. To that end, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) has begun the process of compiling data-sets relative to coal mining.

Our goal is to produce simple, easy to use internet based GIS applications that can be utilized by both the general public as well as our staff. At this point, we foresee producing various sub-sets of maps based on discipline (i.e. hydrology, biology etc). The maps would then be available on our web-site.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you would be willing to help us in this effort. Specifically, our hope is that you would provide us with electronic files of your permit areas and underground mine workings. Ideally, an ArcGIS shape file would be preferred. However; if you do not have this information in that format a computer aided design file (CAD) would work as well.

The permit area data would be utilized in updating our public records map. The mine workings data would be used solely by Division staff for technical reviews/analysis and would not be made available to the public. As the mine workings information is already routinely submitted with annual reports as well as to other regulatory agencies, our hope is that this request will not cause undo concern.

Thank you in advance for your help. If you have suggestions for something that you would like to see in an interactive on-line GIS application please let us know. Our contact person to e-mail the files to and/or ask questions is April Abate (801) 538-5214, [aprilabate@utah.gov](mailto:aprilabate@utah.gov).

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