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Re: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of the Utah Coal Regulatory Program and Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) programs - Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) & Federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

Dear Mr. Strand and Mr. Haddock:

Thank you for the invitation to comment dated February 14, 2014, regarding the OSM Regulation and Enforcement oversight process and the effectiveness of the DOGM program.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) appreciates the ongoing efforts to communicate openly at all levels and notes particularly the effectiveness of the monthly conference call for the "Interagency Coal Coordination Meeting." Also, the ongoing effort to fully implement certified State of Utah professional engineering practices in AML work provides the needed basis for those efforts.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Branch of Minerals

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