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Dear Mr. Parkins:

Thank you for your response to our February 22, 2017, Annual Oversight Outreach letter. Your comments regarding the relationship between the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM) are appreciated and taken seriously.

I agree that any showing of disrespect and unprofessionalism is inappropriate. Please be assured that the behavior referenced in your letter does not reflect OSMRE's approach or mindset with regard to our oversight responsibility in primacy states. As OSMRE staff emphasized during an in-person meeting with DOGM personnel in the Salt Lake City office last week, OSMRE is dedicated to providing DOGM with the necessary programmatic and technical assistance or support whenever needed.

Although your response will not result in a topic-specific oversight review, we recognize the significance of your stated concerns and the importance of working together as part of OSMRE and DOGM's shared commitment in implementing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) in Utah. OSMRE is always seeking to improve, and maintain, a positive working relationship with DOGM as it is an essential component to effectively administer, and successfully achieve the purposes of, SMCRA and Utah's state SMCRA program.

Thank you for your feedback and please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 293-5026 or [hstrand@OSMRE.gov](mailto:hstrand@OSMRE.gov) if you have any questions or would like to further discuss your concerns.

Sincerely,

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