Fwd: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of Utah's Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program

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Hello Everyone,

Please see attached.

Thank you

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Coal Operators:

Subject: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of Utah’s Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Reclamation Programs (Division of Oil, Gas and Mining & Federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement)

Each year the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), and the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), jointly evaluate DOGM’s programs for regulating coal mining and reclaiming abandoned mine lands in Utah. We determine how effectively the DOGM coal regulatory program is (1) ensuring that land reclamation on coal mines is contemporaneous and successful, (2) preventing off-site impacts to lands and waters adjacent to coal mine permit areas, and (3) providing service to its customers. We also determine how effectively the DOGM Utah Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program (AMRP) is using funds provided under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) to accomplish the objectives of Title IV, Section 405 of SMCRA.

At the end of each evaluation period, OSMRE reports on DOGM’s effectiveness in implementing its Title V coal regulatory program and AMRP. The Annual Evaluation Summary reports are accessible through the OSMRE website at http://odocs.osmre.gov/. These reports may also be found on the DOGM website at http://www.ogm.utah.gov/. Our next oversight evaluation period is from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

We are requesting your comments on OSMRE’s oversight process for both the coal regulatory program and AMRP, recommendations for evaluation topics, and suggestions for improving our future Annual Reports. We are also providing you the opportunity to discuss ideas and concerns pertinent to our programs with OSMRE’s Western Region Office in Denver, Colorado.

If you have any suggestions or questions on the annual evaluation process, or if you would like to request discussions with OSMRE’s Western Region Office, please contact us by March 30, 2019. For information regarding the Title IV program, you may email us at stevefluke@utah.gov, telephone (801) 538-5259, and tmedlin@osmre.gov, telephone (303) 293-5083, or mail us a letter at the addresses shown below. For information regarding the Utah Title V program, you may email us at stevechristensen@utah.gov, telephone (801) 538-5350, and alongl@osmre.gov, telephone (303) 293-5039, or mail us a letter at the addresses shown below. If you prefer to receive this annual outreach letter by email in the future, please provide us with your email address.
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