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## Public Outreach

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Good Morning to our Coal Operators,

Attached is the OSMRE Public Outreach letter for the Evaluation of Utah's Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Programs.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please contact us by March 30, 2021. Contact information is provided in the letter.

Thank you!

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Subject: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of Utah's Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Programs

Greetings,

Each year the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) jointly evaluate DOGM's coal mining regulatory and abandoned mine lands (AML) reclamation programs, as authorized under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). We determine how effectively DOGM's coal regulatory program ensures contemporaneous and successful reclamation on active coal mines in Utah and prevents off-site impacts to lands and waters adjacent to coal mine permit areas. We also determine how effectively DOGM's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program uses SMCRA grant funding to address public safety and environmental hazards related to historic mining operations in Utah. Our evaluation process includes the selection of specific coal regulatory and AML reclamation topics that address these criteria.

At the end of each evaluation year OSMRE reports on DOGM's implementation of these programs. Our Annual Evaluation Reports can be accessed at the following website: <https://odocs.osmre.gov/>. The next evaluation year runs from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

We are requesting your comments on OSMRE's oversight of DOGM's coal regulatory and abandoned mine reclamation programs, recommendations for evaluation topics, and suggestions for improving future Annual Evaluation Reports. We are also providing you the opportunity to discuss ideas and concerns pertinent to the Utah programs with OSMRE's Western Region Office in Denver, Colorado.

If you have any suggestions or questions on our annual evaluation process, or if you would like to initiate a discussion with OSMRE, please contact us by March 30, 2021. Contact information is provided below. If you prefer to receive this annual outreach letter by email in the future, please provide us with your email address.

Sincerely,



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