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April 22, 2013

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Jay Marshall, Resident Agent
Utah American Energy Inc.
P. O. Box 910
East Carbon, Utah 84520-0910

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N 10122, Horse Canyon Mine,
C/007/0013, Task ID #4297

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector, James Owen, on March 14, 2013. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

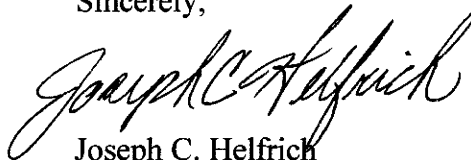
Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the fact of this violation, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.

2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the Assessment Conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of violation will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Suzanne Steab.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Helfrich
Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc: OSM Compliance Report
Suzanne Steab, DOGM
Sheri Sasaki, DOGM
Price Field Office

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**WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING**

COMPANY / MINE Horse Canyon Mine

PERMIT C/007/0013 NOV / CO # N 10122

VIOLATION 1 of 1

ASSESSMENT DATE April 22, 2013

ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joe Helfrich

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall one (1) year of today=s date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS
<u>10097</u>	<u>10/11/2012</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one (1) year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one (1) year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 1

II. SERIOUSNESS (Either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector=s and operator=s statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or HINDRANCE (B) violation? Event

A. EVENT VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?
Environmental harm

Water Pollution

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

<u>PROBABILITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

****According to the information in the inspector statement the event did occur, "The permittee failed to control coal fines and protect topsoil and vegetation on an undisturbed area within the permit area. The coal fines were subject to wind exposure as they left the conveyor belt to be stacked on the coal stockpile. The wind-blown fines were deposited in an area designated as undisturbed.*

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage? RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 5

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

**** According to the information in the inspector statement, run off from the undisturbed area where the coal fines had accumulated would report to a sediment pond. From the photographs of the area contamination to soils and vegetation was negligible.*

B. HINDRANCE VIOLATION (Max 25 pts.)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? Actual RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 25