

**BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE
INFORMAL ASSESSMENT
CONFERENCE for CESSATION
ORDER; UTAH AMERICAN
ENERGY; CENTENNIAL MINE
C/0070019, CARBON COUNTY,
UTAH**

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**INTERIM ORDER REQUESTING
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION**

CAUSE NO. C/0070019

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On June 28, 2018, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) held an Informal Assessment Conference (Conference) as provided for by Utah Administrative Code Rule R645-401-700 in response to the written request by operator Utah American Energy (UAE) to review the fact of violation for a field-issued Cessation Order (CO) issued to it on June 1, 2018 for operations at the Centennial Mine C/007/019, Carbon County, Utah.

The CO was issued in response to three leaking degasification wells at the Centennial Mine, and the CO required UAE close and complete final reclamation at the leaking degasification wells and at seven other degasification wells associated with the mine operations. At the Conference, UAE argued that the CO was invalid because final reclamation of the wells was not only not required but would also have the potential to impede future mining operations as the wells could be necessary should the mine start to operate again.

The Conference Officer, Associate Division Director Dana Dean, having considered the parties' arguments presented at the Conference, hereby requests that UAE supply supplemental information in support of its argument. Specifically, the Conference Officer requests that UAE

provide a PE certified technical report showing that the ten (those noted in the Division's CO) unplugged, unreclaimed degasification wells are necessary for future mining operations. The report should contain information on UAE's plans to mine in the future, what areas it plans to mine, how those areas will be accessed and how the named wells will play into the ventilation of methane from those areas. The Conference Officer requests that UAE file its report on or before Monday July 30 at 5:00 pm. The Division will be given the opportunity to respond to UAE's report until Monday August 13 at 5:00pm, but a response by the Division is not required.

ORDERED this 17th day of July, 2018



Dana Dean, Associate Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Assessment Conference Officer