

**HINDRANCE TO ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS**  
**INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT**

Company/Mine: Utah American Energy, Inc. West Ridge Mine  
Permit #: C0070041

NOV# 21186  
Violation # 1 of 1

- A. **HINDRANCE TO ENFORCEMENT:** (Answer for hindrance violations only such as violations concerning record keeping, monitoring, plans and certification).

Describe how violation of this regulation actually hindered enforcement by DOGM and/or the public and explain the circumstances.

Explanation: The Permittee failed to follow the required seismic monitoring requirements outlined in Appendix 5-13A of the West Ridge Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). The reporting was not done in a timely manner and several monitoring commitments were not conducted. By not providing the required seismic monitoring data, the Permittee hindered the Division's ability to monitor and evaluate whether any subsidence related seismic movement had occurred in the area of the Grassy Trail Reservoir.

- B. **DEGREE OF FAULT** (Check the statements which apply to the violation and discuss).

- Was the violation not the fault of the operator (due to vandalism or an act of God), explain. Remember that the permittee is considered responsible for the actions of all persons working on the mine site.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Was the violation the result of not knowing about DOGM regulations, indifference to DOGM regulations or the result of lack of reasonable care, explain.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

- If the actual or potential environmental harm or harm to the public should have been evident to a careful operator, describe the situation and what, if anything, the operator did to correct it prior to being cited.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Was the operator in violation of any conditions or stipulations of the approved MRP?

**Hindrance to Enforcement  
Inspector's Statement**

NOV/CO # \_\_\_\_\_  
Violation # \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Christensen  
Authorized Representative

  
Signature

October 25, 2016  
Date

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