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Mr. Chris Hansen
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SUBJECT: DECISION OF THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE OFFICER FOR NOV 13156 AND 13157, SUFCO MINE, C0410002

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On December 23, 2014, an informal conference was held at the Utah Department of Natural Resources to review the fact of violation for the referenced Notices of Violation issued on November 12, 2014.

As a result of the informal conference, it is my opinion as informal conference officer that for each of the referenced violations, the actions or lack of actions by the operator did not rise to a level necessitating the issuance of a Notice of Violation. The actions or conditions for which the NOVs were written were such minor deficiencies in the context of the operations, that they do not constitute a violation of the MRP and did not justify an NOV being issued. The matters would have been more properly addressed by a communication from the inspector to the operator about conditions that the operator should attend to in order to avoid a future violation that would be justified if the conditions were to worsen.

The NOVs 13156 and 13157 for the SUFCO Mine are hereby vacated.

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R645-401-800, you may make a written appeal of this Decision to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Your written appeal may be filed with Julie Ann Carter, Board Secretary, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. If you have questions regarding the filing, she can be contacted at juliecarter@utah.gov or (801) 538-5277.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me at (801) 538-5334.

Sincerely,

FOR

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