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Re: Implementation of Annual Permit Fees in the Minerals Regulatory Program

Dear Permit Holder:

The Division of Oil Gas and Mining has had the implementation of fees in the Minerals Program approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session which ended on March 4. The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 provides the authority for fee implementation which up to this point has not been utilized. This letter is to inform you about the annual fees and the schedule for implementing their collection.

The purpose of fee collection is to provide funding for the Mineral's Reclamation Program for additional assistance in processing mining and exploration permit applications. The fee implementation will begin with the state's new fiscal year which is July 1, 1998. At that time, you will receive a request from this Division to pay the appropriate annual fee as outlined below.

Notices of Intent	**Annual Fee**
Exploration Operations	$ 100.00
Small Mining Operations (less than 5 acres surface disturbance)	$ 100.00
Large Mining Operations with surface disturbance of 5 to 50 acres	$ 350.00
Large Mining Operations with surface disturbance greater than 50 acres	$ 750.00

This will be one topic of discussion at our next Stakeholders' meeting scheduled for April 16, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1040A, Salt Lake City, Utah. Visitor parking is available in front (south side) of the building. This will also be an item on the briefing session of our May and June Board Hearings to be held outside of Salt Lake City. For information on the dates and locations please contact our office.

Should you have any questions about the fees or the Minerals Program, please contact me at (801) 538-5370.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

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Acting Director