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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON ABANDONED MINE PROJECT

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program (AMRP) is seeking public comment on plans to stabilize a stream channel and repair mine closures at an abandoned mine site near Helper. A public open house will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the Helper Civic Auditorium, 19 South Main Street, Helper, Utah. The meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The proposed project will repair damage to an eroding stream channel that threatens to affect water quality in the Price River. Original work at the site was conducted in 1983 when mine openings were sealed and dangerous structures removed. A stream channel was also re-established at that time but erosion is now carrying coal waste downstream.

The public open house provides an opportunity to review maps, examine preliminary design plans, ask questions, and give input. The project is funded by an AMRP coal reclamation grant from the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement.

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