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UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 EARTH DAY AWARDS

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining is looking for companies or individuals who have taken extraordinary steps to protect the environment while extracting the natural resources essential to our way of life. 2009 Earth Day Award nominations are now being accepted. All Utah oil and gas, coal mining and mineral mining companies owned and operated by private (non-governmental) entities are eligible. Other organizations or individuals may also qualify. The essential requirement for receiving an award is that a company must voluntarily perform work that is not required by law.

Awards last year went to companies involved in wildlife habitat improvement projects, a continuing effort to improve the deteriorating surface of the Bonneville Salt Flats, a company that repaired flood damage to a previously reclaimed mining site, innovations in reducing the footprint of oil and gas drilling, and a company that went the extra mile in working with concerned groups during a pipeline expansion project near Nine Mile Canyon in Carbon County. Since 1991 the board has recognized more than 90 companies and individuals with Earth Day Awards.

"Our Earth Day Award program was created to recognize companies that exceed regulatory guidelines in protecting the environment while developing natural resources," explained Board Chairman Douglas Johnson. "Utah is lucky that, by far, the majority of mining and oil and gas companies operating in the state are very environmentally aware and accept their responsibility to operate in an environmentally friendly manner. In presenting the Earth Day Awards, we look for companies who have exceeded the regulatory requirements placed on them."

Awards are presented in each of three areas: oil and gas, minerals mining, and coal mining. Specific award categories include environmental improvement to an active mine site, exploration site, or producing field; outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology; and outstanding final reclamation or site restoration.

Nominations may be made by oil, gas and mining companies, associations, public and private companies and agencies, or any interested parties. Nominations must be made by January 29, 2009.

For more information, or to obtain a nomination form, contact Jim Springer at (801) 538-5324. Nominations may also be submitted on-line at the division website at www.ogm.utah.gov.

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Earth Day Award Instructions

1. Complete the nomination form, submitting all supporting documents and/or photos prior to deadline of January 29, 2009. Be sure to address why your project goes *beyond what is required by regulation or represents innovative environmental technology.* Documents and photos may be submitted in any form you wish.

2. The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will review completed nomination packets during its regular February board hearing. Nominees determined to be meet the criteria for further consideration will be contacted and asked to make a formal presentation of their material before the board during its regular March hearing. This presentation is limited to 15 minutes. While the form of the presentation is strictly at the discretion of the nominee, it is recommended that the presentation utilize visual aids such as overhead projector, slides, handouts, etc.

3. Nominees selected to receive 2009 Earth Day Awards will be notified by mail and asked to attend the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining's regular April hearing where awards will be presented. It is also requested that photos used in your presentation be supplied in electronic format for use during the award ceremony.

4. Should you have questions please contact Jim Springer (801) 538-5324 or Julie Ann Carter (801) 538-5277.

UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING EARTH DAY AWARDS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining is now accepting nominations for 2009 Earth Day Awards. Earth Day Awards recognize reclamation projects and innovations in environmental technology that go beyond what is required by regulation. It is an opportunity for companies to demonstrate technical expertise and pride in their industry, and concern not only for the economics of their industry but also for our environment.

Awards may be presented in each of three operation types:

- Oil and Gas
- Minerals Mining
- Coal Mining

Award categories:

- Environmental improvement to an active mine site, exploration site, or producing field.
- Outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology.
- Outstanding final reclamation or site restoration.
- Other

Criteria may include but are not limited to:

- Stabilization and grading
- Revegetation
- Water quality improvement
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Exceptional reclamation/restoration without obligation
- Outstanding results from implementing environmental technologies

Be recognized for the good job you do
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Enclosed is a nomination form-
or nominations may now be submitted online at –
www.ogm.utah.gov.

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Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Company Name_____
Address _____
City, State, Zip_____
Contact Person _____
Phone_____
Site Name_____
Location_____

Activity and Category (Please check one activity and one category)

Activity

- Oil and Gas
- Minerals
- Coal

Category

- Environmental improvement to an active mine site, drilling or recovery site, or field
- Outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology
- Outstanding final reclamation or site restoration
- Other_____

Nominated By

Name_____
Address _____
City, State, Zip_____
Phone_____

Nomination Summary (attach additional sheets, photos, etc., as necessary)

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Return by January 29, 2009 to: Earth Day Awards, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801. Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. Phone (801) 538-5324 Fax (801)359-3940.