

**UTAH LABOR COMMISSION
MINE SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2013 – 9:30 A.M.
Regular Meeting and Century Link Conferencing
Labor Commission
160 East 300 South
3rd Floor Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114**

The following Advisory Council members were in attendance:

Kent Houghton, Chairman
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Stations
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, SUFCO Mine, Bowie Resources
Ralph Sanich, Manager of Health Safety and Training, Interwest Mining Company
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining

Absent:

Steven Childs, Skyline Mine
Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management
Don Shelley, United Mine Workers of America
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America

Legislative Liaison present:

Senator David Hinkins

Others present:

Ami Windham, Senior Business Analyst, Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety

- 1. Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order 9:33 A.M.**
 - Approval of the last meeting minutes.
 - Thomas Hethmon made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - Ralph Sanich seconded the motion.
 - The minutes of the last meeting were approved by a voice vote.

- 2. Report to MSTAC-** Kent Houghton addressed the meeting and gave a summary of the activities of the Office of Coal Mine Safety for the quarter. He visited every coal mine in the state during the quarter and met with their respective safety departments. He attended the Local Emergency

Planning Council meetings in Sevier and Carbon Counties the meeting in Emery County was canceled. He attended an electrical recertification class at the Utah State University Eastern. He attended the emergency response training at the Deer Creek Mine.

3. Old Business – There was no old business to bring forward.

4. New Business – Thomas Hethmon proposed that the Center for Mine Safety and Health Excellence in the University of Utah’s Department of Mining Engineering could serve as an appropriate vehicle for implementation of recommendations 4, 8 and 12 of the Coal Mine Safety Commission (i.e., Crandall Canyon investigation), which have never been implemented. Item 4 recommends the development of a safety round table for government agencies and miner representatives. Item 8 recommends the formation of a Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity while item 12 recommends that an annual symposium on ‘mine bumps’ in coal mines and improvements in mine safety be conducted. Kent Houghton felt that the University of Utah would be the logical entity to address these recommendations. Thomas Hethmon will draft a proposal and Kent Houghton will distribute it to MSTAC members before the next meeting so members can discuss and consider its implementation.

5. Adjourn – There was no further business to discuss.

- Mark Comton made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Thomas Hethmon seconded the motion
- Meeting was adjourned by a voice vote.
- Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 P.M.

6. Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 24, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. This will be at the Carbon County Events Center and members can join by Century Link webinar or phone link.