

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

**Thursday, March 28, 2013 - 11:00 A.M.
Carbon County Events Center
310 South Fair Grounds Road
Price, Utah 84501**

The following Advisory Council members were in attendance:

Kent Houghton, Chairman
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association

Absent:

Jimmy Brock, Senior Vice President, Consol Energy
Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, SUFCO Mine, Arch Coal
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Stations
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining
Don Shelley, United Mine Workers of America
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital
Steven Childs, Skyline Mine
Ralph Sanich, Manager of Health Safety and Training, Interwest Mining Company
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering

Legislative Liaison present:

Senator David Hinkins
Representative Mark Wheatley

Others present:

Rick Parkin, Arch Coal. General Manager, Dug Out Mine
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor of Mining Engineering, University of Utah
Ami Windham, Senior Business Analyst, Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety

1. Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order 11.10 A.M.

- Approval of last meetings minutes. There was not a quorum of members present to vote on the minutes for the last four meetings.

- 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 gave each safety department the information on the National Mining Association Core Safety Program developed for small mines. He attended the Local Emergency Planning Council meetings in Sevier, Carbon and Emery Counties. He attended a surface refresher training session at the College of Eastern Utah. He attended the January MSHA/BLM meeting. He investigated a seal leakage incident at the Dugout Mine and a fatality at the Castle Valley Mines #4 mine. He gave out handouts on safety statistics for 2012 and the preliminary accident report by MSHA on the fatality.

3. **Presentation** – There was a presentation by Thomas Heathmon on the University of Utah’s new Center for Mining Safety & Health Excellence. He covered the centers services in research, education, consultation and advocacy. He also gave an overview of the Core Safety Program.

4. **Fatality Report** - Kent Houghton gave a detailed report on the fatality at the Castle Valley Mines #4 mine and an over view of the investigation of the accident. The greatest area of concern was that the notification of accident to the various government agencies came from the news media and not the mine and that the family members learned all the details of the accident and of the fatality from the social media and not the mining company. The Office of Coal Mine Safety was not notified and learned of the accident from media contacts to the Labor Commission.
 - Mike Dalpiaz felt that the proper notification protocol had not been followed.
 - Kent Houghton will draft a letter of non compliance on the incident to the Castle Valley Mines and send out a reminder to the other mines in the state of the requirements under the statutes for accident notification.

5. **Old Business** – There was no old business to bring forth.

6. **New Business** – There was discussion on scheduling the next meetings. The consensus of the members was that the next meeting would be a Webinar and the September meeting a regular meeting. Kent Houghton will poll the stakeholders to determine a date and time in the last week of June which would suit the majority of the members.

7. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and no objections.
 - Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 1.30 P.M.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be a Webinar from the Labor Commission Offices in Salt Lake. The date and time to be determined.