

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

**Monday, June 23, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.
Regular Meeting and Century Link Conferencing
Carbon County Events Center
310 South Fair Grounds Road
Price, Utah 84501**

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
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering

Absent:

Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America
Ralph Sanich, Manager of Health Safety and Training, Interwest Mining Company
Steven Childs, Skyline Mine
Don Shelley, United Mine Workers of America

Legislative Liaison present:

None

Others present:

Ami Windham, Senior Business Analyst, Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety
Debbie King, Administrative Secretary, Coal Mine Certification
Pete Hackford, Director, Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety

- 1. Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order 9:35 A.M.**
 - Approval of the last meeting minutes.
 - There was not a quorum of members present to vote on the minutes.

- 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 overview of the mining industry and coal mine safety in the state and discussed the new regulations for the reduction of respirable dust that will be effective in August. He attended the Utah Mining Association Safety

Conference, the SUFCO emergency response training, the Sevier County LEPC meeting, a training session at USU Eastern and helped with the Price Mine Rescue Competition during the quarter.

3. **Old Business** – Thomas Hethmon’s proposals on the Coal Mine Safety Commission Recommendations were discussed. The proposal that the Center for Coal Mine Safety and Health Excellence be designated the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity (Recommendation 8) That the Center develop a safety round table for government agencies and Miner representatives in coordination with the MSTAC (Recommendation 4). That the center also conduct a symposium on ‘mine bumps’ in coal mines and improve mine safety in coordination with the MSTAC and the BLM (Recommendation 12). It was agreed that the Center for Coal Mine Safety and Health Excellence would be the logical entity to full fill these recommendations and that this would be in the interest of the safety of the coal miners and the coal mine industry in Utah. Further work will be required to research funding sources and implementation of the proposals. This would be moved forward with a recommendation by the council to the Governor and the Legislature in October.
4. **New Business** – Further discussion on Thomas Hethmons proposal will be carried forward to the next meeting.
5. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and there were no objections.
 - o Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 A.M.
6. **Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 15, 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.