

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

**Monday, March 16, 2015 – 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  
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital  
Randy Mabbutt, Instructor, Utah State University Eastern Mining Department  
Gary Leaming, Safety Director, SUFCO Mine, Bowie Resources  
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, SUFCO Mine, Bowie Resources  
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering

**Absent:**

Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety  
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff  
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America  
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy  
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association  
Steven Childs, Skyline Mine  
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Stations  
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering  
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining  
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management

**Legislative Liaison present:**

None

**Others present:**

1. **Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order 9:358 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 proximity detectors on the Continuous Miners which goes into effect this year. He attended the LEPC meetings for Sevier and Emery Counties. He also attended the Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Meetings.

3. **Old Business** – Update on H.B.-149 designating the University of Utah Center for Mine Safety and Health Excellence to be the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity. This was a recommendation to the Legislature and Governor by the MSTAC in the September 15, 2014 meeting from a proposal by Thomas Hethmon. The bill has passed the house and senate and goes to the Governor for signing.
4. **New Business** – There is still a vacancy on the MSTAC for a coal mining experience representative. It was suggested that the companies that have no one on the council be contacted again to see if they have any one interested. Kent Houghton will follow up on this suggestion.
5. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and there were no objections.
  - Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 A.M.
6. **Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2015 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.

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