

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

**Tuesday, December 15, 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  
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering  
Randy Mabbutt, Instructor, Utah State University Eastern - Mining Department  
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management  
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association  
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America  
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy  
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital  
Gary Leaming, Safety Director, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine  
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine

**Absent:**

Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety  
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff  
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining  
Steven C Childs, Experienced Miner, Skyline Mine  
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering  
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Stations

**Legislative Liaison present:**

None

**Others present:**

None

**1. Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order at 9:33 A.M.**

- Approval of the last meetings minutes.
- Mike Dalpiaz made the motion to approve the minutes of the last outstanding meetings as written.
- Randy Mabbutt seconded the motion.
- The minutes were approved by a unanimous 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 gave an overview of the mining industry and coal mine safety in the state. He attended the Sevier County, Carbon County and

Emery County LEPC meetings. He attended the Coal Symposium at the Utah State University Eastern. The annual state safety awards went to Dugout Canyon Mine, Safe Operator of the Year Large Mine. Lila Canyon Mine, Safe Operator of the Year Small Mine. Dugout Canyon Mine Castle Valley Preparation Plant, Safe Operator of the Year Coal Processing Facility. The SUFCO Mine Black Team received the Utah State Trophy for the highest placing Utah Team at the National Mine Rescue Competition in Kentucky.

3. **Old Business** – There was no old business to bring forward...
4. **New Business** – Thomas Hethmon has resigned from the MSTAC and a thank you letter has been sent to him thanking him for his service by the Labor Commission. There was discussion on finding a replacement for him from the University of Utah but his position has not been filled. There is still an opening for an experienced miner on the MSTAC. Kent Houghton will follow up on finding a replacement from one of the mines who are not represented on the MSTAC.
5. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and there were no objections.
  - Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.
5. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at the Carbon County Events Center, at 9:30 A.M...