

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

**Monday, December 15, 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
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management
Randy Mabbutt, Instructor, Utah State University Eastern - Mining Department
Steven C Childs, Experienced Miner, Skyline Mine
Gary Leaming, Safety Director, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine

Absent:

Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy
Thomas Hethmon, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering
Terri Watkins, Chief Nursing Officer, Castle View Hospital
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Stations
Don Shelley, United Mine Workers of America
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining

Legislative Liaison present:

None Present

Others present:

Debbie King, Administrative Secretary, Coal Mine Certification

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 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 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 Rocky Mountain Mine Rescue Association Mine Rescue Planning Meeting in Price and gave an update on the 2015 contest dates.

3. **Old Business** – Thomas Hethmon’s updates on his Institute Designation were reviewed
 - Kim McCarter had a suggestion from the lat meeting that the other coal mines that did not have representatives on the MSTAC Council could have some one invited to the meetings.
 - John Byars said that this could be coordinated through Mark Compton and the Utah Mining Association.
 - Kent Houghton will follow through on this and try to implement it for the next meeting.

4. **New Business** – There was no new business.

5. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and there were no objections.
 - Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

5. **Next Meeting** – Since there was no quorum of members it was agreed that the membership be polled by email for the next meeting date with a tentative date of March, 16 2014.