Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

Coal Program Update- September 22nd, 2021

Coal Program Background

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) Passed 1977

State of Utah Coal Program

    Utah received primacy for regulation of coal mining and reclamation under SMCRA in 1981.

    Utah R645 Rules developed

Coal Program Staffing

-9 Full Time Employees

      2 Hydrologists

      2 Field Inspectors

      1 Engineer/Bonding

      1 Soil Scientist

      1 Biologist

      1 Administrative

      1 Manager.

-Deputy Director

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Utah Coal Permits: 28 Inspectable Units

16 Active Operations

8 Inactive Operations

4 Bond Forfeiture Sites

2,576 Acres Bonded For Reclamation

Bond Total of $66,049,142.

COAL PRODUCED (Millions of Short Tons)

Calendar Year	Surface Mines	Underground Mines	Total
2017	0.7	13.7	14.6
2018	0.5	13.8	14.3
2019	0.2	13.7	13.9
2020	0.6	12.7	13.5

REMOTE WORK: COVID-19

Mid March 2020, Staff Began Working From Home

Electronic Permitting Saved The Day

Minimal Disruption of Normal Workflow Process

REMOTE WORK: CURRENTLY IN COAL PROGRAM

Utah Works and DNR Telework Policy

5 Staff Members in Utah Works Plan

2 Staff Members in DNR Telework Plan

1 Back to Office Full-time

Questions

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