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UTAH GOVERNOR JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR. TO ADDRESS
UTAH MINE SAFETY COMMISSION

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. will speak to the Utah Mine Safety Commission on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the State Capitol Complex, West Building, Committee Room W025. It's expected that he will appear shortly after 11:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

Prior to Governor Huntsman's remarks, the commission will hear from Michael K. McCarter, professor and chairman of Mining Engineering at the University of Utah. McCarter has agreed to serve as chairman of a Technical Advisory Group that will assist the commission in its work.

McCarter is a 1968 graduate of the University of Utah and earned his Ph.D. in mining engineering from the University of Utah in 1972. He has industry experience with Kennecott Copper Corporation and American Smelting and Refining Co. The commission will determine other business to be conducted the day of the meeting.

The Utah Mine Safety Commission was created following the incident at the Crandall Canyon mine and is reviewing the role of the State of Utah in mine safety, accident prevention, and accident response. The Commission will make recommendations to the governor regarding the State's role in those areas.

Public comment to the Commission is welcome. It may be mailed to John Baza, Executive Secretary, Utah Mine Safety Commission, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, PO Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114. Comments may also be emailed to minesafetycommission@utah.gov.

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