

# Details

## April 1, 2010



### Customer Service Spotlight



A “well done” goes to all who volunteered to cover a shift at the OGM display at the Sportsmen’s Expo. As it was last year it proved to be an excellent venue to explain the benefits that mining, oil and gas bring to our society and the part our division plays in facilitating development of natural resources while protecting the environment and public safety. Of course we also

include our “Stay Out – Stay Alive!” message about abandoned mines. Thanks to John Baza, Rose Nolton, Paul Baker, Leslie Heppler, Dana Dean, Luci Malin, Gil Hunt, Jim Springer, Jan Morse, Jill Marriott, Joe Helfrich, Clint Dworshak, Brad Hill and Vickie Southwick.

### Minerals

Paul Baker sends along this little nugget. Lynn Kunzler spoke to the Utah Gold Prospector Club and their March newsletter contained the following item:

*“To Lynn Kesler of the Forest Service, the UGPC extends a huge kudo for a great job sharing your incredible knowledge of what is going on and educating us. You are one of a kind and we appreciate your time to speak to us. We hope you come back again to speak. Thank you very much.”*

As Paul says, “We obviously need to do a better job of letting people know who we work for.”

## Coal

Daron Haddock reports some good news regarding the Crandall Canyon mine. A visit to the mine's treatment system found positive results. The photo immediately below shows the settling- basin from a previous visit when only an oxidizer was running. The following photo is from the latest visit when the water was also being treated with a coagulant, the oxidizer and a flocculant. As evidenced by the significantly less orange color of the pond, the chemical addition seems to be improving iron removal from the settling basin.



Daron says, "While there is still a lot of work to on this project, it appears that there may be some light at the end of the tunnel."

Other news worth noting is that many of the coal staff have been participating in the deposition process for the Coal Hollow mine appeal to be held before the board in April. Staff members agree that they'll be glad when that is done. Also, it appears that the Kinney Mine project is trying to get back on track after a long period of inactivity. It's anticipated that they will resubmit their application within two to three months.

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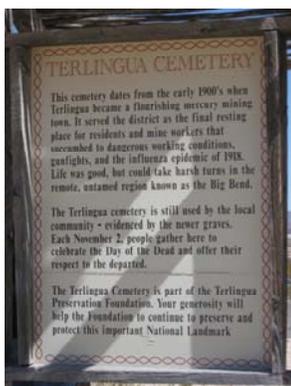
Tony Gallegos and Luci Malin attended the national Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML) winter business meeting in Lajitas, Texas, which is on the boarder with Mexico. This involved a very close plane connection in Denver and then driving south for 5 hours after landing at Midland, Texas. Tony and I made the connection, but Tony's bag did not. The airline could not get the bag to Lajitas so they held bag for Tony to pick up prior to our return flight. After a couple of truck stop Tee shirts and a quick stop at a WalMart we were on our way.

Our Texas compatriots had warned us that this is "No Place for Old Men," as we witnessed when we saw only Federal Border Patrol vehicles (about 20 or so) for the last 2 hours of the drive.



The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues and problems that relate to operating abandoned mine programs in the various States/Tribes such as funding cuts in the President's budget, rules revisions, legislative proposals in Congressional committee's, etc.

The field trip viewed the Terlingua Mining District abandoned mercury mines in the Terlingua Mining District that were active in the early 1900's.





Overview and orientation (left).



Above left is a “culverted shaft grate.” At right is the view inside.

At right is a view of a closure using angle iron.  
Below left the group stands on a grate covering a shaft, on the right a close-up of the grate cover.



## **Oil and Gas**

Staff from the Oil and Gas Section and SITLA personal attended a Hydrogen sulfide gas safety training on March 22. The safety training was conducted by Total Safety of Evanston Wyoming. All field staff need to be recertified every year. Hydrogen sulfide gas is an extremely deadly gas even in small concentrations and occurs throughout the oilfield. The annual training is a great reminder to always be aware of the dangers that are out in the field.

Oil & Gas staff enjoyed an employee appreciation potluck lunch on March 22nd. It was an opportunity to have lunch with the staff from the Roosevelt and Price offices that were in Salt Lake for H2S training that morning. Gil and other managers thanked staff for their hard work and dedication, especially during lean times.

And a final thought for your Thursday. Travel is educational; it teaches you how to get rid of money in a hurry. Have a good one!