

Legislative Update

2020

Three things to cover



- We provide important services to Utahns
- We are evolving and improving as an agency
- We need legislative support and resources to continue providing value and evolving.



We provide important services to Utahns



Safety

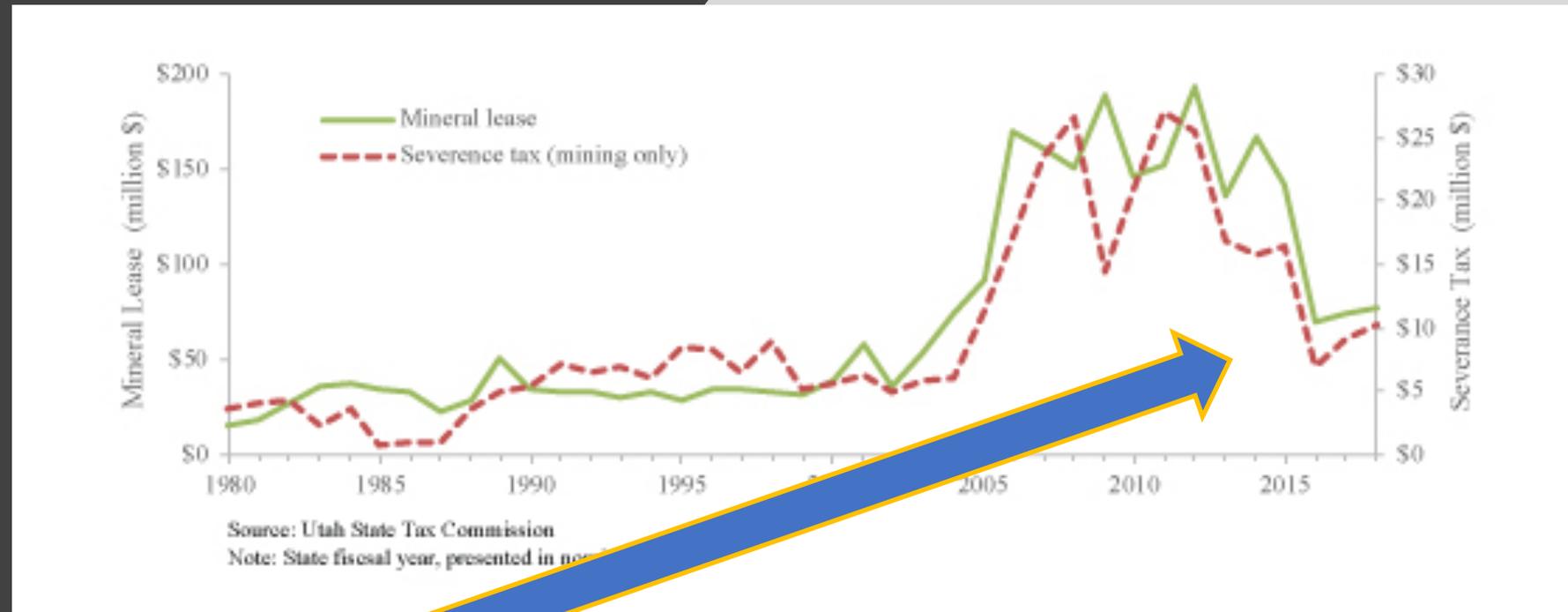
Economy

Environment

Safety



Economy



Production value:

- Oil and Gas: \$2.7 Billion *
- Minerals: \$3.7 Billion
- Coal: \$454 Million

*2018 Utah Tax Commission gross production



Environment

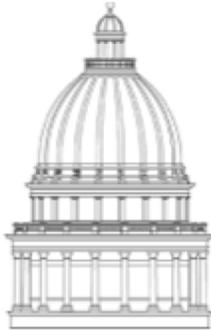
Horizon Coal Mine Reclamation



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We are evolving and improving as an agency

REPORT TO THE
UTAH LEGISLATURE
Number 2019-11



**A Performance Audit of Utah's
Oil and Gas Program**

November 2019

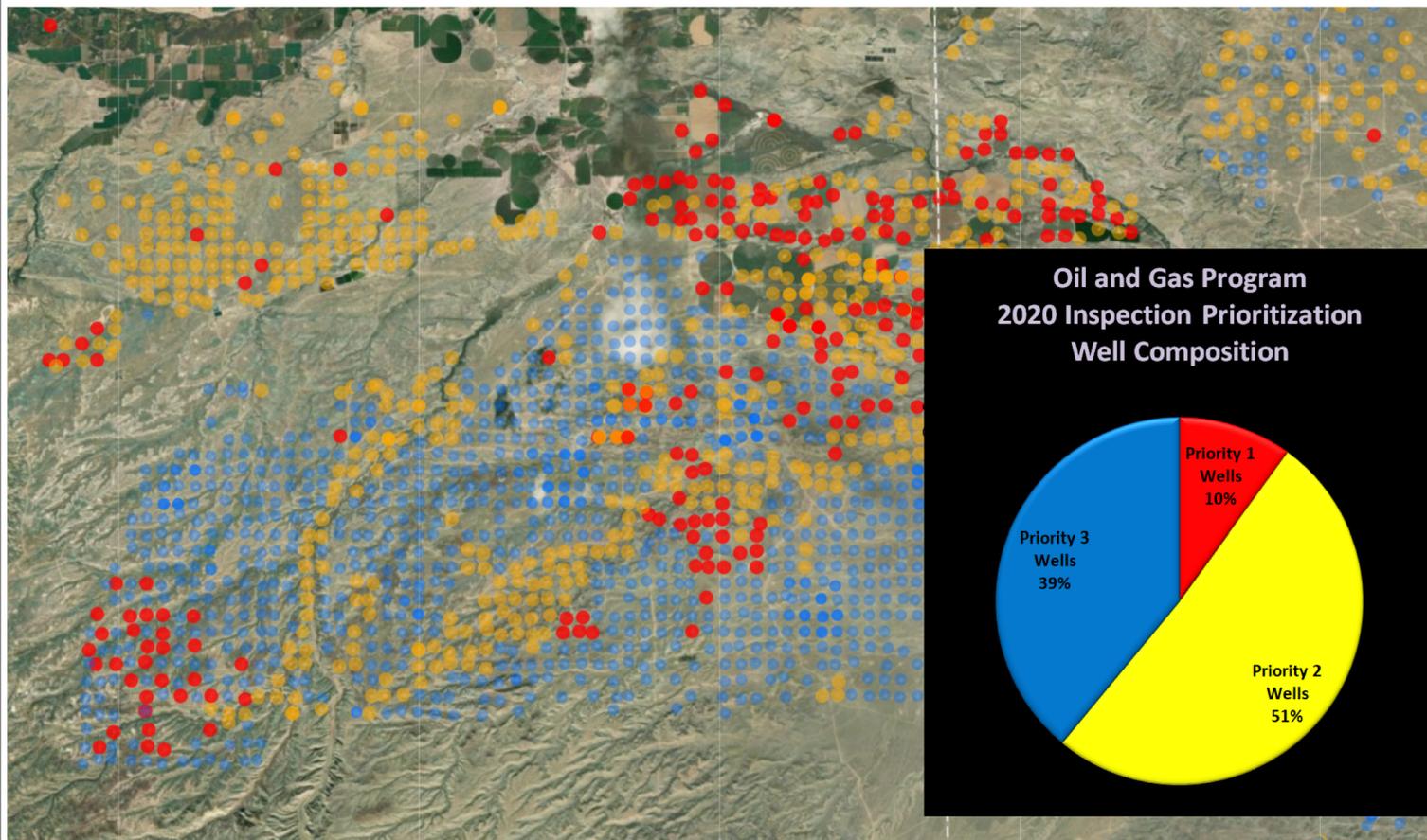
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State of Utah



We have addressed the noncompliance items identified in the audit



Inspection Prioritization



A photograph of wooden letter tiles on a wooden surface. The tiles are arranged to spell out the word "EMPLOYEE". Each tile has a letter and a small number indicating its point value: E (1), M (3), P (3), L (1), O (1), Y (4), E (1), E (1). Other tiles with letters like S, A, G, C, F, R, Z, and H are scattered around.

Filling vacant positions

- 5 positions will start working in the coming weeks
- Working to fill an additional 3 positions

Expanded metrics

- Working to develop meaningful metrics focusing on:
 - Compliance
 - Inspection





We need legislative support and resources to continue providing value and evolving

Base Budget for OGM



Governor's Budget



- 100,000/year for three years for database enhancements
 - Allows us to build an inspection dashboard that improves efficiency, compliance and level of service.

Collect Fines Directly

- Reduces bureaucracy
- Reduces legal cost for collection through civil courts
- Empowers fine collection with less burden on state, taxpayers and operators



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Questions

