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Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee

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August 8, 2024

Senator S. D. Sandall, Chair
Representative W. Brooks, Chair
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee
Utah State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Senator Sandall and Representative Brooks;

Attached is the legislative audit report #2024-03, *A Performance Audit of Mineral Royalty Agreements: An Examination of Mineral Production on the Great Salt Lake*. In accordance with **Utah Code 36-12-8**, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee passed a motion referring this audit report to your committee for further review and action as appropriate. The audit report was also referred to the *Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee*, but your committee is designated as the lead committee, so we would like a response from you.

The Legislative Auditor General and staff have done extensive work and used valuable resources to perform the audit in a professional and thorough manner. We anticipate a response from your committee. Therefore, **for each recommendation to the Legislature**, we ask that your committee reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:

- Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable;
- Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
- Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.

In addition, **for other (non-legislative) recommendations**, we ask that as part of your oversight role you determine whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings. We ask that you report back to the Legislative Audit Subcommittee the conclusion(s) reached by your committee with a summary of the reasons for reaching this (these) conclusion(s).

Thank you for your efforts in this vital legislative role of oversight.

Sincerely,

J. Stuart Adams
President of the Senate
Utah State Senate

Mike Schultz
Speaker of the House
Utah House of Representatives