

**MINING RECLAMATION AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATION**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: James R. Gowans**

AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS; APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF ABANDONED MINES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

**Section 1. Appropriation.**

(1) (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99 \$150,000 to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for the safeguarding of abandoned mines.

(b) The money shall be used by the division for the safeguarding of abandoned mines within any area of the state containing abandoned mine hazards, with priority given to mines in the following areas:

(i) the Oquirrh Mountains, including the Five Mile Pass, Stockton-Rush Valley, Mercur, West Mercur, and Ophir mining districts; or

(ii) Parley's Canyon north to Ogden, including the City Creek, Farmington, Hardscrabble, Morgan, Mountain Green, and Argenta mining districts.

(c) The money may be used for:

(i) inventorying;

(ii) identifying landowners;

(iii) environmental clearances; and

(iv) safeguarding mines from human entry.

(2) The money appropriated in Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

**Section 2. Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.