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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING APPOINTS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OIL AND GAS

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Director John Baza has announced the appointment of Gil Hunt as the division's new associate director for oil and gas. Hunt previously served as the technical services manager for oil and gas, a position he has held since 1998. The associate director administers the state's oil and gas conservation program that includes the review and final approval of all proposed oil and gas drilling operations.

"Gil has proven himself to be technically knowledgeable and well prepared to assume these new duties," said Baza. "I'm confident that he will serve the interests of the citizens of Utah well."

As technical services manager Hunt was responsible for supervising permitting, field inspection and compliance of drilling and other operations throughout the state, as well as maintaining databases and other information for the public and industry. He has also served as an oil and gas environmental manager, and a geologist primarily working in the underground injection control program. Hunt is a 1979 graduate of the University of Utah with a degree in Geology.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is a state government agency that monitors and facilitates the exploration for and development of oil, gas and other mineral resources in Utah. When those activities are completed, the division ensures that oil and gas wells are properly abandoned and mining sites are satisfactorily reclaimed.

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