

Arch Coal's Skyline Mine Earns Utah Earth Day Award for Environmental Excellence

SALT LAKE CITY, May 23, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) today announced that Canyon Fuel Company's Skyline Mine has earned state recognition with a 2012 Earth Day Award for its outstanding environmental efforts in central Utah.

The Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) board of directors made the selection, and Governor Gary Herbert presented the award to Skyline mine today.

"The employees of Skyline consistently act as good neighbors and environmental stewards," said Dana Dean, associate director of mining, DOGM. "In earning this year's Earth Day Award, Skyline chose to make major changes to its project plans to lessen the impact in Winter Quarters Canyon."

Skyline mine was honored for excellence in environmental care related to its new Winter Quarters ventilation facility. The mine voluntarily reduced the proposed construction site footprint by 40 percent to help preserve and protect Winter Quarters Creek. The ventilation facility will support the mine's underground progression north.

"Skyline employees have an impressive track record of world-class expertise and stewardship," said Gene DiClaudio, president of Arch Western Bituminous Group. "That record has earned Skyline a total of seven Earth Day Awards since 2000."

Arch Coal's Canyon Fuel Company is Utah's largest coal producer. Skyline mine is located near Scofield, Utah, and employs a workforce of approximately 250. In 2011, Skyline maintained a perfect environmental compliance rate while producing nearly 3 million tons of low-sulfur coal.

U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) is a top five global coal producer and marketer, with 157 million tons of coal sold in 2011. Arch is the most diversified American coal company, with more than 20 active mining complexes across every major U.S. coal supply basin. Its core business is supplying cleaner-burning, low-sulfur thermal and metallurgical coal to power generators and steel manufacturers on five continents. In 2011, Arch continued to lead the U.S. coal industry in safety performance and environmental compliance among large, diversified producers.

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