

## Biographical Information for John Baza

Mr. John R. Baza is currently the Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, having been appointed to that position on May 6, 2005. He is a petroleum engineer by education and work experience, holding both Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in petroleum engineering from Stanford University. Mr. Baza's career spans over 40 years working with the energy and mineral extractive industries, and his experience includes engineering positions with several major and independent petroleum companies including Phillips Petroleum Co., Amoco Production Co., and Flying J Oil and Gas Inc. He has been involved in petroleum exploration and development in Wyoming, North Dakota and Utah, and he has also worked on geothermal power projects in Utah, Nevada, and California.

Mr. Baza has been state government service at the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining for more than 30 years, with 15 of those years working solely in the Oil and Gas Program before assuming the role of Division Director. He has previously been responsible for regulation of the upstream oil and gas industry in Utah, and now, as the Director of DOGM, he leads the Division's efforts in the areas of petroleum development, coal mining, and mineral mining, along with abandoned mine reclamation.

In addition to his responsibilities as Division Director, he also serves as the Official Representative for Governor Spencer Cox of Utah on both the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). Mr. Baza was elected as the First Vice-Chairman for the IOGCC for a one one-year term in 2013. In October 2015, John received the E.W. Marland Award from the IOGCC that is given annually as the highest achievement award of IOGCC to recognize outstanding leadership as a state regulatory official. John is also the State of Utah representative in the national Ground Water Protection Council and was elected by his peers (other regulatory officials) as a member of the Board of GWPC in 2015. He continues in his Board position at the current time. In 2018, Mr. Baza was appointed by Secretary of Energy Rick Perry to be a member of the National Petroleum Council for a two-year term.

Mr. Baza is a registered professional engineer in Utah. He is also a 40+ year member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, having held various officers positions including section chairman, program chairman, and scholarship committee chairman. He and his wife were both raised in the State of Utah, they have four children, and they are the extremely proud grandparents of five grandchildren. In early January 2010, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the five-member City Council for the community of West Bountiful, Utah where he resides, and he served in that capacity for two years. John appreciates the heritage and diversity of historical, cultural, and recreational experience that he and his family have enjoyed living in the State of Utah.