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## Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.





Todd Parfitt, Director

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

David Bagley, Chairman, Environmental Quality Council (EQC)

FROM:

Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

THROUGH: Kyle Wendtland, Administrator, Land Quality Division (LQD)

DATE:

January 7, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 

Hearing Date Request for Coal Rule Package: Chapter 14

The LOD is requesting a Hearing Date for the above rule package. Rule package materials will be sent under a separate cover memo to follow.

The rule package proposes changes to the LQD's Coal Chapter 14, and is intended to clarify plugging and sealing requirements for drill holes, provide consistency between other state agencies, clarify bond calculation requirements and codify best management practices and standards. Rule language was presented to the LQD Advisory Board on October 26, 2015 and was approved for referral to the EQC with minor revisions.

The Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office have approved proceeding with the revised rules and therefore the LQD is making a request for a hearing date on March 2, 2016 to present the rules to the Council.

Please contact Craig Hults, LQD (777-7066 or craig.hults@wyo.gov) if you have any questions regarding this request or rule package materials to follow. Thank you.

cc:

Rule Package Binder (w/ attachments)

Rules Chron (w/o attachment)