

June 20, 2016

Director Todd Parfitt
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
200 West 17th St.
Cheyenne WY 82002

Re: Request for Advice pursuant to Wyo. Rev. Statute 35-11-109(a) (x).

Dear Todd:

At the Council's June 15, 16, 2016 meeting we discussed the Brook Mine matter found at EQC Docket 16-1601. After the discussion the Council approved the following questions that the Council would like you to respond to:

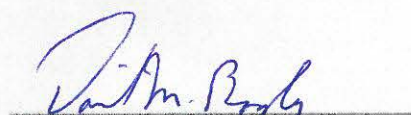
1. What is the status of DEQ's Brook Mine permit review and what steps need to occur to finalize DEQ approval?
2. Are there any parts of the mine plan which DEQ has determined to be incomplete or inadequate?
3. Is consent from the landowners the only deficiency DEQ has identified with the current reclamation plan or have other parts/requirements been determined to be incomplete or inadequate?
4. Can future public comments received by DEQ result in material changes to either the current mine plan or the current reclamation plan?
5. When will DEQ determine the reclamation bond and surface owner protection bond requirements for this application and when is the applicant required to submit the bonds?

The Council would appreciate your response by July 13, 2016. You can either respond to the Council directly or place your responses on the EQC docket website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these questions please contact me or the Council staff.

Sincerely,



Aaron Clark
Hearing Officer


Dr. Dave Bagley, Chairman