



Matthew H. Mead, Governor

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: Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director – Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: May 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Bond Forfeiture – Patriot Energy Resources, LLC. Coal Bed Methane Reservoir Reclamation

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Attached is information relating to the failure of Patriot Energy Resources, LLC (Patriot) to reclaim numerous CBM containment reservoirs. Patriot ceased all CBM operations in the first quarter of 2013 and the last of their WYPDES permits were terminated on December 23, 2013. No reservoir reclamation has occurred to date and there is currently no responsible party willing or able to complete reclamation.

I have determined that a cash bond in the amount of \$1,213,856 submitted by Patriot should be forfeited. I therefore seek your approval to request that the Attorney General begin bond forfeiture proceedings.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Frederick, WQD Administrator

cc: Eva La, Attorney General's Office (w/attachments)
Bill DiRienzo, WQD

- Attachments:
- WQD Memo
 - Patriot Energy Resources, LLC Bond Status Sheet
 - Bonded Reservoir List and Bond Amount
 - List and Status of Patriot Permits
 - October 11, 2013 – Conceptual Reclamation Plan
 - October 23, 2013 – Email Request to Terminate Permits
 - October 25, 2013 – Notice of Permit Termination
 - November 26, 2013 – Public Notice of Permit Termination
 - Patriot Energy Resources, LLC Dissolution – Wyoming Secretary of State

Jun 16, 2016
Date

Approved
Chairman, EQC

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