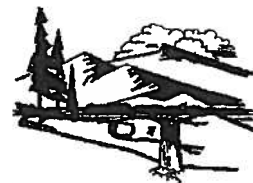




# Department of Environmental Quality



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Matt Mead, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

December 24, 2013

Mr. Brian Good  
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Greybull, WY 82426

RE: Summary of December 19, 2013 meeting in Cheyenne  
Permits SP 624 and PT 533

Dear Mr. Good,

This letter is to summarize the items discussed in our meeting in Cheyenne on December 19, 2013. Present at the meeting were Mr. Todd Parfitt, Director Wyoming DEQ, Ms. Nancy Nuttbrock, Deputy Directory Wyoming DEQ and Land Quality Division Administrator, Ms. Tanya King, LQD District 2 Supervisor, Mr. Brian Wood, LQD District 2 Hydrologist, Mr. Brian (Pab) Good and daughter Ms. Lacey Good. Mr. Jeremiah Rieman, Natural Resource Policy Advisor to the Governor, joined us after the meeting was in progress.

The purpose of the meeting was to describe exactly what is required to obtain approval to mine at the Upper Bear Creek Mine (PT 533) and to approve an Amendment with Mine and Reclamation Plan revisions for the Lower Bear Creek Mine (SP 624) such that mining may continue without disruption.

### Lower Bear Creek Mine SP 624

In order to avoid cessation in mining due to permitting requirements, it was decided that a combination of two permitting actions would expedite the process:

1. A Non-Significant Revision (NSR) to allow mining of Block 1A (aka Block 32) on the west side of the road, and
2. An Amendment, requiring public notice, to add the area east of Bear Creek into the permit, allow re-mining of the area west of the road, and convert the small mine to a regular mine permit.

The NSR (item 1. Above) required submittal of a map showing Block 1A and approval of additional bonding in the amount of \$17,000. The map has since been submitted. Approval will be granted when the bond is secured. Please contact Deanna Hill at (307) 777-6910 if you have questions with the bond.

The Amendment (item 2. Above) required a package containing a Form 1, a revised Mine Plan, a revised Reclamation Plan, photographs of the vegetation community types to be affected, a design for the Bear Creek Crossing, and Filing for an Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit. The package was received on the date of the meeting. Mr. Brian Wood worked with Mr. Shawn Gustafson of Environmental & Civil Solutions, LLC, to make the appropriate changes to the Amendment Package such that it has been deemed complete. Public notice was authorized on December 21, 2013.

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The public notice period is four (4) weeks followed by a 30 day comment period. If there are no comments, the Amendment could be approved at that time. If there are comments requesting a contested case hearing, the hearing would occur within 20 days following the comment period, the Environmental Quality Council would have up to 60 days to provide a written decision, and LQD would have an additional 15 days to approve or deny the permit based on the Council's directive. Therefore the soonest the permitting action could be approved would be around the first of March 2014. If contested, approval could be delayed until late June 2014.

### Upper Bear Creek Mine PT 533

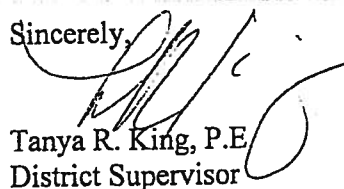
LQD has reviewed several versions of a previously submitted amendment package for Permit PT 533. This package was to include an additional 20 acres owned by Mr. Good, but not already approved in PT 533. During the meeting, Mr. Good indicated that the 20 acres would not be amended into the permit, mining would occur only in areas previously disturbed by Black Hill Bentonite, thus no further mining to the south would occur. Based on the discussion, the following are still required before mining can commence at the Upper Bear Creek Mine:

1. Secure additional bonding in the amount of \$40,000
2. Form 11 adding patented land from M-I into the permit for the access road and native lands disturbed for which the Notice of Violation was written
3. Proof of access through BLM
4. Revised Mine Plan with Map
5. Revised Reclamation Plan with Map
6. Baseline environmental information Appendix D materials.

The information required by items 2, 4, 5, and 6 above are detailed in Mark Moxley's letter to Good Mining Company, dated April 5, 2013. As with the SP 624 Amendment, D2 staff are willing to work with Mr. Good and his consultant to facilitate completion of the package.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (307) 332-3047.

Sincerely,



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