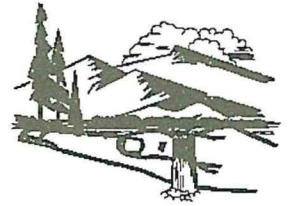




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Matthew H. Mead, Governor

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RE: Wyoming State Mineral Lease 42804 and WDEQ-LQD Mining Permit 267C

Dear Mr. Ronald J. Ericsson, Scott A. Ericsson, and Roland S. Ericsson, Esquire:

Thank you for your email of July 29, 2018. As stated in my letter of April 24, 2018 TFN #6 1/197 is an amendment to Permit 267C to mine bentonite within valid State Mineral Lease 42804. I have reviewed the questions presented in your July 29, 2018 email and subsequent email correspondence and the status of Permit 267C and TFN #6 1/197. Based on this review, I have made the following determinations.

Permit amendment TFN #6 1/197 application to 267C was determined to meet permit application completeness requirements by LQD on June 28, 2016. The permit application has not been determined to be technically complete as a signed Form 8 or Order in Lieu of Consent has not been received as of the date of this letter. As stated in my April 24, 2018 letter the permit amendment application cannot move forward until the Form 8 requirement or Order of in Lieu of Consent is received. In addressing your second concern, I have had the permit coordinator verify with BPM that no mining has occurred on permit amendment TFN #6 1/197 by BPM. LQD will be conducting the required annual inspection of this permit in September 2018 and will field verify any activity that is being performed within the boundaries of the amendment application.

Please contact me at 307-777-7046 if you have further questions relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kyle J. Wendtland,
Administrator

Date Aug. 09, 2018

cc: Matt Mead, Governor
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