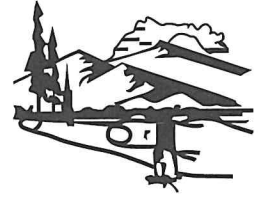




Mark Gordon, Governor

Department of Environmental Quality

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Todd Parfitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mark Gordon, Governor

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
 [Agency Contact: Craig Hults, phone 777-7066, email craig.hults@wyo.gov]

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Coal Chapter 14 – Exploration for Coal by Drilling, Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: July 11, 2024

PRIORITY: HIGH – July 25, 2024

SUMMARY: Notice of Agency Rulemaking

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The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) is proposing to amend Coal Chapter 14, Exploration for Coal by Drilling. The proposed revisions to Chapter 14 were drafted in response to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement October 24, 2023 concern letter regarding a previously submitted formal amendment package. Specific information on the proposed revisions can be found in the Statement of Reasons for Coal Chapter 14.

The LQD Advisory Board reviewed Chapter 14 during a meeting held on December 14, 2023. The Board recommended the rules proceed to formal rulemaking before the Environmental Quality Council. The proposed rules are not expected to be controversial. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the rules for statutory authority and agreed they could proceed. The LQD is requesting to proceed with formal rulemaking with this rule package.

GOVERNORS RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Agency may proceed.
- Delay Public Comment and Set Up Meeting w/ _____

Elizabeth T. Anderson

Signature: Governor's Counsel

7/22/24

Date