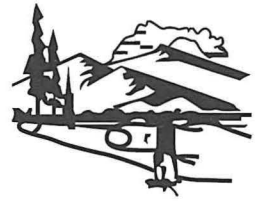




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Mark Gordon, Governor



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 Revision to Uranium Recovery Program Chapter 4, Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: August 16, 2024

PRIORITY: HIGH – August 30, 2024

SUMMARY: Notice of Agency Rulemaking

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) is proposing to amend the Uranium Recovery Program (URP), Chapter 4 – Licensing Requirements of Source and Byproduct Material rules. The proposed revision to URP Chapter 4 was drafted in response to an October 23, 2023 request from the Wyoming Mining Association to change the URP license terms from a maximum of ten years to twenty years. The proposed change aligns with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's guidance in the November 9, 2017 SECY Paper 17-0086.

The LQD Advisory Board reviewed the change to URP Chapter 4 at a March 21, 2024 meeting. The Board recommended the rules proceed to formal rulemaking before the Environmental Quality Council at the 3/21/2024 meeting. 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/ _____

Signature: Governor's Counsel

Date