



# Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.



Matthew H. Mead, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Environmental Quality Council

**FROM:** Todd Parfitt, Director – Department of Environmental Quality

**DATE:** January 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Bond Forfeiture – High Plains Gas, LLC, Coal Bed Methane Reservoir Reclamation

*Todd Parfitt*  
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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
 Environmental Quality Council

Attached is information relating to the failure of High Plains Gas, LLC to submit the total required bond amount, failure to submit a required 3% annual bond increase since 2011, failure to respond to an Order by the Environmental Quality Council and failure to reclaim numerous CBM containment reservoirs.

I have determined that Bond Number LPM9050903 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

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- Attachments: WQD Memo, 1/13/2014  
 High Plains Bond Document  
 Annual Bond Increase Letters for 2012, 2013 & 2014  
 August 20, 2012 – Emails regarding delinquent permit fees and bond increases  
 November 8, 2012 – Certified notice of permit expirations  
 June 5, 2013 – NOV and Order  
 September 10, 2013 – Certified notice to revoke and terminate permits  
 October 15, 2013 – Public Notice to terminate permits  
 January 2, 2014 - - Annual Bond Increase Letter for 2014

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

2/25/14  
 Date

*Lauren*  
 Approved  
 Chairman, EQC

