

## Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapters 1, 2, 6, 12 and 16 of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Land Quality Division (LQD), Coal Rules and Regulations addressing requirements for valid existing rights, ownership and control, blasting and the transfer assignment or sale of permit rights at a public hearing to be held on July 10, 2014 at University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Encana Auditorium, 1000 E. University Drive, Laramie, WY 82071, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The LQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statutes §35-11-101 to 1803 et seq., proposes to amend and revise multiple chapters of the LQD Coal Rules and Regulations. Coal Chapters 1, 2, 6, 12 and 16 are proposed for revision to address concerns identified by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement during their review of previously submitted rules and during their annual oversight.

The EQC is seeking comments on the LQD proposed revisions beginning May 24, 2014. That comment period closes on July 8, 2014. Written comments will also become a part of the public record if they are signed by the commenter and submitted the following address: DEQ/Land Quality Division, 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Herschler Building – 3W, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Copies of the Proposed Rules and Statement of Principal Reasons are available for review at: <http://deq.state.wy.us/lqd/>. Persons may also request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Kim Pandullo at (307) 777-7756, fax: (307) 777-5864 or email at: [kim.pandullo@wyo.gov](mailto:kim.pandullo@wyo.gov). Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to Craig Hults at (307) 777-7066 or email at [craig.hults@wyo.gov](mailto:craig.hults@wyo.gov).

The LQD will file an analysis of comments. The EQC has scheduled the public hearing on July 10, 2014. The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and the analysis of comments, along with any modifications proposed by the LQD to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the DEQ's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. Comments submitted during the comment period can be viewed at the EQC website: <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Pleadings.aspx?DocketId=2159> under the links titled "DOCKET # 14-4101".

The Council will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The Council may close the record and make a final decision at the conclusion of comments. Therefore, those wishing to comment on these proposed regulations should submit comments pursuant to the schedule given above.

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