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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Environmental Quality Council

FROM:

Tom Roan

Senior Assistant Attorney General

DATE:

December 1, 1993

RE:

Bond forfeiture action against Willow Mesa, Inc.,

Permit No. 553ET

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Terri A. Laramon, Attorney Environmental Quality Council

After the operator objected to the bond forfeiture action, this matter was stayed by the Council on May 15, 1992. Since then, the DEQ has determined that a bond forfeiture action is not warranted, for reasons set forth in the accompanying motion to dismiss and proposed order. Please consider the motion and order at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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PETER J. MULVANEY, ADMINISTRATOR - GENERAL

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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND)	R. L. L.
FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS)	Sicher 1
AGAINST THE BOND OF)	JAN 3 1 1994
WILLOW MESA CONSTRUCTION,)	# ** * *
FOR PERMIT NO. 553ET)	Terri A. Lorenzon, Attorni Environmental Quelity Con-

ORDER TO DISMISS

The Council has received a motion to dismiss from the Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division. The Council, having found that the operator in this matter did not operate the mine in question, that another party has assumed responsibility for reclaiming the mine in question, that the DEQ does not need the bond proceeds in order to ensure that the mine is properly reclaimed, and that the DEQ has terminated the permit and is returning the bond to the operator, and having been otherwise fully informed,

ORDERS

that this matter be dismissed.

DATED this 28 day of January, 1998.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I. Terri A. Lorenzon, certify that at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the day of January, 1994, I served a copy of the foregoing ORDER by depositing copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, duly enveloped and addressed to:

F. L. Thomas, Jr. P. O. Box 310 Kemmerer, WY 83101-0310

and also to the following persons via interoffice mail:

Dennis Hemmer, Director Department of Environmental Quality 122 W. 25th Street, Herschler Building Cheyenne, WY 82002

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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Attorney Environmental Quality Council

MOTION TO DISMISS

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, by and through the Office of the Attorney General, hereby moves the Council to dismiss the above-referenced bond forfeiture action, and as grounds for this motion, offers the following:

- Willow Mesa, Inc., the operator in this matter, objected to the DEQ's bond 1. forfeiture action on the basis that it had not operated the mine identified in permit no. 553ET.
- 2. After investigating this allegation, the DEQ determined that another party had operated this mine.
- A third party has assumed responsibility for reclaiming the mine. 3.
- 4. Willow Mesa, Inc.'s bond is no longer necessary for reclaiming this mine.
- 5. The DEQ has terminated this permit and is returning the bond to the operator.

THEREFORE, the DEQ respectfully requests that the Council dismiss this bond forfeiture action.

DATED December 1, 1993.

Thomas A. Roan

Senior Assistant Attorney General

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas A. Roan, do hereby certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Motion to Dismiss* by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on December 1, 1993, addressed to the following:

F.L. Thomas, Jr. P.O. Box 310 Kemmerer, WY 83101-0310

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