

## **Department of Environmental Quality**

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





Todd Parfitt, Director

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable Matt Mead, 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 Noncoal Chapter 11 – In Situ Mining, Land Quality

Division

DATE:

June 20, 2018

PRIORITY: HIGH – Deadline for response is July 5, 2018

**SUMMARY:** Notice of Agency Rulemaking

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) is proposing to amend Noncoal Chapter 11 – In Situ Mining. The proposed rules are intended to make the rules more clear and increase their effectiveness. The proposed revisions were drafted in consultation with the LQD Uranium Workgroup which has been meeting monthly to work through issues with Chapter 11 that have been identified since it was last revised in 2013. Chapter 11 was also reorganized to provide consistency with proposed revisions to the LQD's Coal In Situ Mining Chapter which is also undergoing revision. Specific information on the proposed revisions can be found in the Statement of Reasons.

The proposed rules were heard by the LQD Advisory Board on September 12, 2017 and again on December 6, 2017. The Advisory Board recommended the rules proceed to the Environmental Quality Council with minor revisions as discussed during the meetings. The proposed rules are not expected to be controversial as very few comments were received during the Advisory Board meetings. 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. DEPARTMENT

**GOVERNORS RESPONSE OPTIONS:** 

Agency may proceed.

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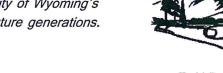
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**SUBJECT:** 

Proposed Revisions to Coal Chapter 18 - In Situ Mining, Land Quality

**Division** 

DATE:

July 24, 2018

PRIORITY: HIGH - Deadline for response is August 7, 2018

**SUMMARY:** Notice of Agency Rulemaking

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The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) is proposing to amend Coal Chapter 18 – In Situ Mining. The proposed rules are intended to make the rules more clear and increase their effectiveness. The proposed revisions were drafted in consultation with the LQD Uranium and Coal Workgroups which have been meeting regularly to work through issues with Chapter 18 that have been identified since it was last revised in 2002. Chapter 18 was also reorganized to provide consistency with proposed revisions to the LQD's Noncoal In Situ Mining Chapter which is also undergoing revision. Specific information on the proposed revisions can be found in the Statement of Reasons.

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