

Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC
Permit 267C –Appendix D
Supporting Information – 2.1

Section 2.0 Supporting Information

Section 2.1 Land Use

2.1.1 Premining Land Use

For the past fifty years the land within LQD permit area boundary for Permit 267C has been used for grazing land as defined in W.S. 35-11-103(e)(xxvii). “Grazingland” includes rangelands and forestlands where the indigenous native vegetation is actively managed by grazing, browsing, occasional hay production, and occasional use by wildlife. Some of the land has been mined for bentonite previous to the Open Cut Land Reclamation Act of 1969.

Presently, the lands are used for various seasonal buffalo, cattle and sheep grazing. See Appendix D-9 for wildlife use of the area. The surrounding land has been used for domestic livestock grazing, farming, various transportation and utility corridors, wildlife habitat and bentonite mining.

2.1.2 Postmining Land Use

There will be no change in the land use as defined by the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act. The permittee’s Reclamation Plan will restore the grazing land use category on all lands affected by its bentonite mining operations with exceptions by landowner’s request.