



Department of Environmental Quality

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Mark Gordon, Governor



Todd Parfitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mark Gordon, Governor

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
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SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Noncoal Chapter 9, Permit Application Requirements for Small Mining Operations – Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: March 24, 2022

PRIORITY: HIGH – April 7, 2022

SUMMARY: Notice of Agency Rulemaking

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) is proposing to amend Noncoal Chapter 9, Permit Application Requirements for Small Mining Operations. The proposed revisions are intended to comply with legislative changes regarding permit fees and public involvement in permitting actions, and address WY Attorney General's statutory review comments. Specific information on the proposed revisions can be found in the Statement of Reasons for Noncoal Chapter 9.

The LQD Advisory Board reviewed the rules during meetings held on August 19, 2021 and December 9, 2021. The Advisory Board recommended the rules proceed to the Environmental Quality Council for formal rulemaking. The proposed rules are not expected to be controversial. 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.

GOVERNORS RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Agency may proceed.
- Delay Public Comment and Set Up Meeting w/ _____



 Signature: Governor's Counsel

3/31/22

 Date