



Department of Environmental Quality

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



Matthew H. Mead, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director – Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: January 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Bond Forfeiture – High Plains Gas, LLC, Coal Bed Methane Reservoir Reclamation

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Attached is information relating to the failure of High Plains Gas, LLC to submit the total required bond amount, failure to submit a required 3% annual bond increase since 2011, failure to respond to an Order by the Environmental Quality Council and failure to reclaim numerous CBM containment reservoirs.

I have determined that Bond Number LPM9050903 should be forfeited. I therefore seek your approval to request that the Attorney General begin bond forfeiture proceedings.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Frederick, WQD Administrator

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Attachments: WQD Memo, 1/13/2014

High Plains Bond Document

Annual Bond Increase Letters for 2012, 2013 & 2014

August 20, 2012 – Emails regarding delinquent permit fees and bond increases

November 8, 2012 – Certified notice of permit expirations

June 5, 2013 – NOV and Order

September 10, 2013 – Certified notice to revoke and terminate permits

October 15, 2013 – Public Notice to terminate permits

January 2, 2014 - - Annual Bond Increase Letter for 2014

cc: Mike Barrash, Attorney General's Office (w/attachments)
Bill DiRienzo, WQD

Date

2/25/14

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Approved
Chairman, EQC

