Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Before The Environmental Quality Council By the Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division (AQD)

The Environmental Quality Council will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:30 A.M. on February 27, 2008. The hearing will be held in the Herschler Building, Room B63, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, is proposing to revise Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (WAQS&R) Chapter 3, General Emission Standards, Chapter 5, National Emission Standards, Chapter 11, Acid Rain Program, and Chapter 14, Emission Trading Program Regulations. Most of the changes to Chapters 3, 5, 11, and parts of Chapter 14, Section 4, are updates to the annual effort to adopt by reference from the Code of Federal Regulations. The Division is also making some minor corrections to these chapters. Chapter 14, Sections 2 and 3 are being modified to be compliant with revised federal Regional Haze Rule requirements. Sections 2, 3 and 5 of Chapter 14 and Sections 2, 6 and 9 of Chapter 3 involve changes to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Proposed revisions to Chapters 3, 5, 11 and 14, and a summary of the changes can be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building, 2nd Floor, Cheyenne, Wyoming or accessed after January 14, 2008 on the Air Quality website at http://deq.state.wy.us/aqd/index.asp?pageid=8 or by contacting Christine Anderson at 307-673-9337. The Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis can be obtained at the above-mentioned locations as they become available.

An initial public comment period ran from November 5, 2007 to December 20, 2007. The Environmental Quality Council will consider the proposed rules, written comments and the response to comments along with any modifications, proposed by the DEQ, to the draft rules at the February 27, 2008 public hearing. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard in this matter should attend the public hearing.

The Council will deliberate and make a decision on these rules at a future public meeting. The Council also has the option to extend the public comment period on these rules. If the comment period is extended, the extension will be posted on the Air Quality website as well as the website for the Environmental Quality Council http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/index.asp.

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