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RE: 2M Construction, TFN 4 6/333, Docket No. 07-4802

Dear Objector,

The Environmental Quality Council received your objection to the issuance of Small Mine Permit, TFN 4/633, to 2M Construction of Riverton, Wyoming. The statute that governs mine permits required that this hearing be held by May 23, 2007.

To prepare for the hearing, a pre-hearing meeting was held on May 14, 2007 in Riverton. All parties were required to attend the pre-hearing as it was the only meeting scheduled to prepare for the hearing. I realize that the scheduling for this hearing may have left you in a position where you could not attend, but the EQC had no ability to change the schedule for the hearing without the consent of the parties to the case.

A roll call of all the parties to the 2M case was taken at the pre-hearing and those who were not in attendance were dismissed from the case. An order of dismissal accompanies this letter.

The EQC and the parties in attendance identified all of the objections to the issuance of the small mine permit and then discussed the fact that the majority of the objections to the small mine permit were directed at the air quality impacts of the mine, The air quality permit required for the 2M Construction mine has not yet been issued. If the EQC held a hearing on the permit to mine, only the land quality issues would be addressed. It would be necessary for those who objected to the mine permit because of air quality impacts to file objections to the air quality permit and a second hearing would be held.

The EQC and the parties at the pre-hearing agreed that it would be better to combine the air quality and land quality objections in one hearing. A roll call vote was taken and all parties agreed to continue the Land Quality hearing so all issues can be addressed in one hearing.

To alert the air quality division to the issues raised in the land quality case, I have forwarded a copy of all objections to the mine permit to the administrator of the air

quality division. The air quality division has scheduled a public meeting on June 12, 2007 at the Riverton Branch of the Fremont County Library at 7 p.m. to discuss the air quality permit and hear public comment. If this permit is issued, citizens have 60 days to object to the air quality permit. The Air Quality Division will consider the comments you filed in the land quality permit case, however, if you want to challenge the air quality permit that is eventually issued, you must file an objection within the time limit.

Representatives of the DEQ land quality staff will also be present at the June 12 meeting. These individuals can answer questions about the small mine permit. I encourage you to attend this meeting as DEQ may be able to address your concerns in the air quality permit and the land quality permit. This is an opportunity for this dispute to be resolved by the mine, DEQ, and those who have contested the 2M Construction permits.

If the objections are not resolved informally, then the EQC will reschedule the hearing for the 2M small mine permit and schedule a hearing on the air quality permit, if objections to that permit are filed.

Sincerely,

Terri Lorenzon

Director/Attorney

CC: John Burbridge Michael Cunningham