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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

**RE: 2M Construction Proposed Small Mine, TFN 4 6/333**

Dear Mr. McCoy

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Dave Finley, Air Quality Division (AQD) Administrator, and I met with 2M Construction and members of the public to discuss the pending Land Quality Division (LQD) Small Mining permit and the pending Air Quality Division permit. This meeting was a continuation of the AQD meeting held Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>. In response to the public concerns discussed on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the operator has proposed a 450 foot buffer zone along the northern boundary of the proposed permit area. This area is shown on the attached map and no mining would occur in this area. This is in addition to the 300 foot buffer along the east permit boundary. Many of the other issues raised in the objections to the LQD mining permit relate to air quality concerns rather than to land quality. These are really tied to the AQD permitting process rather than the LQD permitting process.

In an effort to settle the LQD issues with out a formal hearing before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC), the LQD is proposing placing a condition to the approval of the LQD mining permit that reads:

The operator may not conduct mining operations within the 450 foot buffer shown on the attached map (Map No. 2). Within 30 days approval of this permit, the operator shall submit the attached map to replace the existing Map No. 2 currently contained in the permit.

According the EQC records, you are not a party to the case. However during the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, you requested a copy of the map and this is provided for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Administrator  
Land Quality Division

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