



# Department of Environmental Quality



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Carol Benedict  
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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

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

Dear Ms. Benedict:

You have been identified by the Environmental Quality Council as a "party" to the objection to the above small mine application. To be considered a "party" in the case you must have submitted a timely objection and participated in the pre-hearing conference conducted May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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, 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.

If the above permit condition, satisfies your concerns regarding the LQD mining permit and you do not desire a hearing before the Wyoming Environmental Council (EQC), you must contact the EQC in writing withdrawing you objection. Please do so by June 29, 2007. If you desire a hearing, there is nothing you need to do. The EQC's address is:

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You should note that if you elect to withdraw your objection to the LQD mining permit, you retain your full rights to review or appeal any final air quality permit which may ultimately be issued by the AQD for this mine. The AQD expects to finish its review of public comments received and to reach a permitting decision shortly after June 26, 2007, which is the close of the public comment period for the air quality permit. If you attended one of the air quality meetings held June 12 or June 18, or if you submitted a written comment on the air quality permit, you will receive notice of the AQD permit decision.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Chancellor  
Administrator  
Land Quality Division

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