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Doug & Shelly Vanderpool  
1 Gaensslen Drive  
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**RE: Arrowhead Concrete, Inc. Application for a Small Mine Permit, TFN 4 2/343**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Vanderpool:

The Land Quality and Air Quality Divisions held an informal meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of June at the Public Library in Green River. We discussed the different permitting processes for the Air Quality Division permit and the Land Quality Division mining permit. I believe it was helpful to those in attendance. While you were not in attendance, you are listed as an objector to the mining permit application and this letter is provided for your information. This letter will address the meeting as it relates to the pending Land Quality Division mining permit.

Here is the list of concerns that were raised during the meeting:

- Dust on the road
- Noise of the trucks on the road (24 hours)
- Condition of the road
- Safety of road travel
- Road too narrow
- Hours of operation
- Blue Rim Road (County Road 7)

With the exception of the hours of operation, all of the above concerns are related to the county road. Activity on the county road is out side the jurisdiction of the Land Quality Division. The hours of operation are normally considered part of the mining permit application that addresses action taken by the operator to avoid constituting a public nuisance. We do not have regulations that set standards concerning which hours of operation may or may not constitute a public nuisance.

There was discussion as to the meaning of the language contained in the application regarding the hours of operation. This language reads:

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Arrowhead Concrete will normally operate equipment and/or haul material from sunrise to sunset Monday through Friday. If mining operations or hauling occurs outside these times, the operations will commence no earlier than 6 am, and will not extend beyond 8 pm.

Notwithstanding the discussion at the meeting, it is clear that the language allows the applicant to mine and haul from the permit area from sunrise to sundown Monday through Friday. It also appears the language allows mining and hauling operations Saturday and Sunday from 6 am to 8 pm if conditions warrant. It also could include operations before sunrise and after sunset Monday through Friday if conditions warrant. What is not clear are the conditions which would require operations to occur outside the normal operating times of 6 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday.

Unless otherwise directed by the Environmental Quality Council as the result of these objections, I intend to use the authority granted in the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act to recommend the Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality place a condition on the permit. This condition would clarify the hours of operations and what circumstances would necessitate operating outside the normal operating hours.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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Administrator  
Land Quality Division

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