MEMORANDUM

TO

Environmental Quality Council

FROM:

John Corra - DEQ Director

DATE:

2/27/09

RE

Bond Forfeiture Recommendation - Blaze-On Construction, Limited

Mining Operations Nos. 1224ET and 1225ET

Attached is information relating to the failure of Blaze-On Construction to reclaim lands affected by mining under the above-referenced Limited Mining Operation Notifications. The company has failed to respond to the attached Notice of Violation issued July 8, 2008 and is no longer in business.

I have determined that the bonds for these Limited Mining Operations should be forfeited. Should you have any questions, please contact Don McKenzie.

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Don McKenzie - LQD Administrator

Jim Ruby - EQC Executive Secretary

Mark Moxley/John Erickson - LQD District II

Attachments: Notice of Violation Docket No. 4304-08

MEMORANDUM

TO:

John Corra - DEQ Director

THROUGH: Don McKenzie - LQD Administrator SR 2/23/09

FROM:

John Erickson – LQD District II Assistant Supervisor My 2/10/09

DATE:

February 10, 2009

RE:

Bond Forfeiture Recommendation -Blaze-On Construction, Limited

Mining Operations Nos. 1224ET and 1225ET

Notice of Violation Docket No. 4304-08 (enclosed) was issued by the Department on July 8, 2008 to Blaze-On Construction of Kemmerer for failure to reclaim the two abovereferenced Limited Mining Operations. There has been no response to the NOV and it is now apparent that the company is out of business. Blaze-On Construction, Inc. was administratively dissolved by the Secretary of State's Office on June 5, 2007 for nonpayment of taxes.

I recommend that the following reclamation performance bonds be forfeited at this time:

1. 1224ET (Airport Pit) - \$3000 cash

1225ET (Blazon Gap Pit) - \$5000 cash

Reclamation requirements:

- 1. 1224ET This pit is located on private land adjacent to a rural subdivision below the Kemmerer airport. It affects 5 acres and will require extensive grading, topsoil replacement and seeding. Estimated cost of reclamation = \$8000.
- 2. 1225ET This is a rock quarry on private lands belonging to Chevron near Blazon Gap south of Kemmerer. The area has extensive pre-law disturbances affecting approximately 10 acres. Unfortunately, there is no topsoil available and no feasible way to re-grade the area to accomplish a reclamation objective. I therefore propose to use the \$5000 bond to help fund reclamation of the 1224ET Airport Pit.

Please feel free to contact me if you should require any additional information.

Encl: Notice of Violation Docket No. 4304-08; draft Corra memo to EQC

Mark Moxley - Lander DEQ/LQD > 1224ET & 1225ET files xc: Chron