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MEMORANDUM

TO : John Corra, DEQ Director

THROUGH : Don McKenzie, LQD Administrator
Carol Bilbrough, LQD Program Manager

FROM : John Erickson – LQD District II Assistant Supervisor

DATE : December 6, 2010

RE : Chronology and Bond Forfeiture Recommendation for Kurt Pollard, Permit 226C

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

On October 27, 2010, an Annual Inspection of Kurt Pollard’s Permit 226C was conducted by Lander LQD staff. The jade mine, located approximately 3 miles NW of Jeffrey City in Fremont County, was found to be abandoned.

The permit was issued November 26, 1973 to cover a 20 acre mining claim. The last Annual Report for this operation was submitted in 1988. There has been no activity or reclamation at this site since at least 1988. LQD files contain a U.S Bankruptcy Court filing dated March 10, 1989.

The LQD sent numerous letters to Kurt Pollard over the years to at least two different addresses. All correspondence has been returned by the Post Office marked “moved – left no address”.

The attached inspection report provides documentation of abandoned equipment associated with the mine, consisting mainly of a derelict school bus and utility trailer. Mining disturbances at the jade quarry are minor. In my judgement, the equipment needs to be removed but reclamation of the mining disturbances is neither feasible nor warranted at this site.

A Notice of Violation has not been issued to Kurt Pollard for failure to reclaim the pit since it undoubtedly would not be delivered.

I recommend forfeiture of Kurt Pollard’s \$200 reclamation performance bond at this time (C.D. No. 6333, issued by The First National Bank of Rawlins on June 14, 1973, and made payable to the “Commissioner of Public Lands”).

A draft memo to the EQC requesting bond forfeiture is attached for your signature. If you should require any additional information, please feel free to call.

Attachments: 10/27/10 Annual Inspection Report, Draft EQC memo
xc: Mark Moxley – Lander DEQ/LQD