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May 19, 2011

Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

RE: High Plains Ventures, LLC, TFN 5 6/170

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter regarding the proposed issuance of a mining permit to High Plains Ventures, LLC. As allowed by Wyoming Statute §35-11-406(k), a section of the Environmental Quality Act, we are considering your letter an objection to the issuance of a permit. The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will set the date, time and place for a hearing. Jim Ruby, the Executive Secretary for the EQC, will notify you by mail once this has been done.

The hearing will be conducted as a contested case, pursuant to the provisions of the Environmental Quality Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure. To obtain a copy of the Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice & Procedure, you can access the EQC website, <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/index.asp>, or check the appropriate area of page two and return it to our office at the above address.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Edwards
Acting Administrator
Land Quality Division

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