

**Aug 22, 2012****Wyoming Environmental Quality Council****Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
Environmental Quality Council**

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapters 1, 2, 4, 11, 12 and 16 of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Land Quality Division (LQD), Coal Rules and Regulations addressing requirements for topsoil depth, self-bonding and miscellaneous deficiencies as identified by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) at a public hearing to be held on October 5, 2012 at Room B63, Herschler Bldg., 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., Cheyenne, Wyoming, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The LQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statutes §35-11-101 to 1803 et seq., proposes to amend and revise multiple chapters of the LQD Coal Rules and Regulations. The proposed revisions allow replacement of topsoil in varying depths to encourage revegetation, remove disapproved language related to self-bonding and address concerns identified by the OSM during reviews of previous rule submittals.

The EQC is seeking comments on the LQD proposed revisions beginning August 21, 2012. That comment period closes on October 4, 2012. Written comments will also become a part of the public record if they are signed by the commenter and submitted the following address: DEQ/Land Quality Division, 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Herschler Building – 3W, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Copies of the Proposed Rules and Statement of Principal Reasons are available for review at: <http://deq.state.wy.us/lqd/>. Persons may also request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Becky Brosius at (307) 777-7176, fax: (307) 777-5864 or email at: [becky.brosius@wyo.gov](mailto:becky.brosius@wyo.gov). Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to Craig Hults at (307) 777-7066 or email at [craig.hults@wyo.gov](mailto:craig.hults@wyo.gov).

The LQD will file an analysis of comments. The EQC has scheduled the public hearing on October 5, 2012. The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and the analysis of comments, along with any modifications proposed by the LQD to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the DEQ's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. Comments submitted during the comment period can be viewed at the EQC website: <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/docket.htm> under the link titled "DOCKET # 12-4102".

The Council will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The Council may close the record and make a final decision at the conclusion of comments. Therefore, those wishing to comment on these proposed regulations should submit comments pursuant to the schedule given above.

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