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**Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
Environmental Quality Council**

Nancy Nuttbrock, Administrator  
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division  
Herschler Building 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mrs. Nuttbrock:

This letter is to inform you that we have reviewed your informal rule package submittal regarding variable topsoil depths during reclamation, self-bonding language removal, addressing valid existing rights concerns by OSM, and addressing ownership and control concerns by OSM.

Attached for your review are OSM's comments, which are located in a revised version of the LQD side-by-side table that you submitted. A column titled "OSM Comments" was added to the submitted LQD side-by-side table. Within our comments, proposed rule revisions that are acceptable appear in green font while proposed rule revisions that require additional changes (grammar, spelling, punctuation, and more substantive changes) appear in red font.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Howard Strand with the Denver Field Division at (303) 293-5026, or Frank Bartlett of my staff at (307) 261-6543.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fleischman, Director  
Casper Field Office

