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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Coverdale, Chairman, Environmental Quality Council (EQC)

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

THROUGH: Nancy Nuttbrock, Administrator, Land Quality Division (LQD)

DATE: July 22, 2013

SUBJECT: **Hearing Date Request for Two Rule Packages:**
          Small Mine and Limited Mine Package (Noncoal Chapters 9 & 10)
          In Situ Mining Package (Noncoal Chapter 11)

The LQD is requesting a Hearing Date for the above rule packages. Rule package materials will be sent under a separate cover memo to follow.

The **first rule package** proposes changes to the LQD's Noncoal Chapters 9 (Small mines) and 10 (Limited mining operations) and is intended to bring the rules into compliance with the new legislative requirements which became effective on July 1, 2013. Rule language was presented to the LQD Advisory Board on March 25, 2013 and was approved for referral to the EQC with minor revisions.

The **second rule package** proposes changes to the LQD's Noncoal Chapter 11 (In situ mining) and is intended to address an EPA deficiency related to delineating aquifer exemption boundaries as well as provide greater consistency with EPA requirements while creating greater efficiency in processing application materials. Rule language was presented to the LQD Advisory Board on May 20, 2013 and approved for referral to the EQC with revisions as presented during the meeting.

The Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office has approved proceeding with the revised rules and therefore the LQD is making a request for a hearing date to discuss the rules.

Please contact Craig Hults, LQD (777-7066 or craig.hults@wyo.gov) if you have any questions regarding the attached documents. Thank you.

cc: Rule Package Binders (w/ attachments)
          Rules Chron (w/o attachment)

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