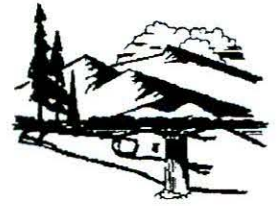




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**RE: Linc Energy Operations, Inc., TFN 5 5/128**

Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Ms. Issod:

We have received your letter regarding the proposed research and development license for underground coal gasification and proposed aquifer reclassification and exemption for Linc Energy Operations, Inc. As allowed by Wyoming Statute §35-11-406(k), a section of the Environmental Quality Act, we are forwarding your letter to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), who will set the date, time and place for a hearing. Jim Ruby, the Executive Secretary for the EQC, will notify you regarding these details.

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 may access the EQC website, <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/index.asp>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Nuttbrock  
Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality  
Administrator, Land Quality Division

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