



Department of Environmental Quality

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Matthew H. Mead, Governor

John Corra, Director

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

Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District
P.O. Box 1400
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Dear Mr. McDonald, Chairman:

I am in receipt of your August 25, 2011 letter and want to assure you that a hearing will be scheduled before the Environmental Quality Council now that the public comment period has expired. By section 35-11-502 (k) of the statute, we have 20 days to schedule this hearing after the final date for filing objections, unless a different period is deemed necessary by the council. Mr. James Ruby, Executive Secretary of the EQC, will soon be contacting your attorney to discuss scheduling. I will make every effort to convince the Council to expedite the matter.

The supporting information provided in your correspondence, along with the specific objections spelled out in Mr. Groutage's letter of July 27, 2011 will be forwarded to the Council.

I very much appreciated the time we spent together discussing this matter in Lander. While we need to act on some of your requests independently, such as the request to classify the groundwater beneath the Sand Draw landfill, I do believe it time to elevate our differences to the Council. I look forward to the hearing.

I also want to thank you for sharing the significant financial burdens that you face with both the Sand Draw and the Lander sites. Once we resolve our differences over the path forward, I am willing to explore any ways in which we can help you manage the difficult issues.

Sincerely,

John Corra

Cc: Jim Ruby
Carl Anderson
Bob Doctor
Jeremiah Williamson

