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John Corra, Director



July 1, 2011

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Mike McDonald, Chairman Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District P.O. Box 1400 Lander, Wyoming 82520

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division received your June 6, 2011 letter, to which the Department responds as follows.

In the public notice, the Department has removed the language to which you objected. A revised public notice, which excludes the language objected to in your above referenced letter, is enclosed for publication.

The Department agrees that further analysis of the groundwater below the Sand Draw Landfill will help to ensure appropriate regulation of the facility. Consequently, the Department has begun work to establish groundwater protection standards for the facility pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 6(b)(i)(E) of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. In tandem with that process, the Department has also commenced classification of the Sand Draw groundwater in accordance with Chapter 8, Section 5 of the Water Quality Rules and Regulations. The Department will classify the groundwater and establish protection standards prior to January 1, 2013.

The pendency of groundwater classification and protection standards establishment does not obviate the requirement that the Sand Draw Landfill be operated pursuant to a permit. Accordingly, the Department encourages the District to proceed with the proposed renewal permit. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-502(j), the enclosed revised public notice should be published and notice given to the county and affected municipalities no later than fifteen days from receipt of this correspondence.



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The Department appreciates the District's attention to these matters, and looks forward to working together to classify groundwater and establish protection standards for the Sand Draw Landfill.

Sincerely,

Carl Anderson, Ph.D., P.G.

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