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Re: EQC Docket No. 04-3801, 4W Ranch Objections to Bill Barrett NPDES Permits WY0051217, WY0051233 & WY0051373

Dear Joe:

This letter, on behalf of Respondent Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is in response to your request for an update about the above-referenced matter. This matter came before the Environmental Quality Council (Council) on the objections to Bill Barrett NPDES Permits WY0051217, WY0051233 and WY0051373 filed by Petitioners Robert and Jean Harshbarger (4W Ranch) on June 3, 2004. As the permittee, Bill Barrett is also a party. Your letter to the parties indicates that, since Petitioners' June 3, 2004 objections, the only document filed in this case was an entry of appearance on August 18, 2004. If the Petitioners intend, and the Council allows, this case to proceed, then Respondent DEQ requests a preliminary prehearing conference and an opportunity and schedule for prehearing discovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Barrash".

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