

Note to the reader

The mine plan submitted by Wyo-Ben Inc. to conduct bentonite mining at six locations in Hot Springs County and to use roads to haul bentonite was attached to correspondence received by the Worland Field Office on February 9, 2009. That submission tracks the format for mine permits and permit amendments under Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's Land Quality Division regulations-guidelines. The electronic version makes reference to an update to Amendment 6 to DEQ designated mine permit 321C. That amendment was originally submitted in 1984; however, mining operations under that amendment never took place within the period originally planned.

The filing of information is in two parts. Part I is administrative in nature and Part II contains supporting information such as environmental baseline information as well as the mine and reclamation plan. The mine plan amendment materials the proponent submitted to the BLM and DEQ revises the earlier 1984 submission and salient pages from that earlier submission are included.

The revised submission contains the necessary information as required under the 43 CFR 3809.400 regulations for plans of operation. Some clarification information was requested and received via email from the proponent. The BLM has assigned this plan serial number WYW148811. That case file resides at the Worland Field Office and is available to third parties under the Freedom of Information Act.

This plan is being made available for 30 calendar days, contemporaneously with the release of Environmental Assessment WY010-EA09-55 as per the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.411(c). Any comments regarding the EA or the contents of the plan of operation must be received by the Worland Field Office within the designated 30 calendar day period.