



Department of Environmental Quality



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Dave Freudenthal, Governor

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August 4, 2008

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RE: EA Scoping Notice – Reynolds Ranch Uranium In Situ Recovery Project located approximately 30 miles Northwest of Douglas, WY

Dear Mr. Foertsch:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer comments and recommendations in response to the Scoping Notice for the proposed Reynolds Ranch Uranium In Situ Recovery Project.

Presently, the State of Wyoming is experiencing unprecedented energy development, and effects from this development are being seen in ambient air monitoring results from recent years. Consequently, emissions from drill rig engines and fugitive dust from construction activities are of interest with regard to the analysis to be conducted as part of this Environmental Assessment. Section 5.3.1 (Air Quality Impacts) in the November 2006 NRC EA is vague with regards to specific impacts from the proposed action: "Diesel emissions would be minor and of short duration, and would be readily dispersed in the atmosphere. Fugitive dust generated from construction and drilling activity, as well as vehicle traffic on unpaved roads, would be localized and of short duration."

Therefore, the Air Quality Division is interested in the number, type and size of engines to be used to power the drilling rigs and the expected number of operating hours needed to construct the eight wellfields proposed for this project. In addition, the Air Quality Division would like to see a detailed description regarding construction-related activities that will generate fugitive dust and acknowledgement of the necessity for controlling fugitive dust. Preventing and controlling the creation of fugitive dust is important for minimizing the negative effects to ambient air from excessive particulate material. Please refer to Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(i)(A) of the WY AQD regulations which addresses control options to minimize fugitive dust emissions.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Ryan McCammon at (307-777-7104) if you have questions.

Best Regards,



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