



# Department of Environmental Quality



To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

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Mr. Thomas Gieck  
Remediation Leader  
Umetco Minerals Corporation  
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**RE: Mine Permit 349C, Reclamation Performance Bond Amount**

Dear Mr. Gieck,

The information provided with the 2009 Annual Report for Mine Permit 349C has been reviewed by the Land Quality Division District 2 staff and the annual inspection has been conducted. USNRC staff has also been consulted in order to set the bond amount.

In accordance with W.S. § 35-11-411(d) the bond amount is set at \$1,713,000. This includes \$1,052,737 for the mill tailings area under NRC jurisdiction and \$660,263 for the mine area under WDEQ-LQD jurisdiction. This represents a decrease of \$32,173,100 from the current bond amount (\$33,886,100). This decrease is a result of Umetco having completed all required reclamation work at the Gas Hills site. Please contact Ms. Deanna Hill, Bonding Analyst, at (307) 777-6910 for information on how to decrease the bond.

This bond amount is based only on an estimate of the cost to the State of performing reclamation in the event of bond forfeiture. If this estimate proves to be inadequate, the Department will bring suit to recover the additional cost as allowed by W.S. § 35-11-422.

Should you have any questions regarding the bond amount please contact Mr. Mark Moxley in the Lander District Office at (307) 332-3047?

Sincerely,

John Corra,  
Director

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