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Carbon Sequestration Working Group Meeting in Cheyenne

Cheyenne, Wyo. - On Thursday and Friday, April 30 and May 1, 2009, the Carbon Sequestration Working Group will meet at Little America in Cheyenne to continue work on developing financial assurance options for carbon sequestration activities in Wyoming. There will be a review of sub-working group products developed at meetings earlier this year and then continued draft development and refinement of narrative recommendations for the Wyoming Legislature.

On March 4, 2008, Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal signed into law a bill intended to resolve regulation issues associated with the underground storage of carbon dioxide. House Bill 90 places responsibility for regulation of Wyoming's carbon sequestration program with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The bill states that "As soon as practical the state oil and gas supervisor, the state geologist and the director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall convene a working group for the purpose of developing an appropriate bonding procedure and to assure that adequate financial resources are provided to pay for any mitigation or reclamation costs that the state may incur as a result of default by the permit holder." This working group has been formed and work is ongoing (see <http://deq.state.wy.us/carbonsequestration.htm> for details).

This meeting will be held in the Casper meeting room in the Cheyenne Little America from 9:00AM to 4:00PM on April 30 and from 8:00AM till noon on May 1. While most of this meeting will be dedicated to narrative review and editing, time will be set aside at the end of each day's session to provide the opportunity for public comment.

For additional information or for any special needs to attend this meeting, please contact Dan Clark at 307 777-7388.

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