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Carbon Sequestration Working Group to meet

Casper, Wyo. - On, Thursday, Aug 14, 2008, the Carbon Sequestration Working Group will meet in Casper to discuss existing financial assurance and bonding procedures.

Presentations will be given on financial assurance procedures for mining, environmental clean ups (Resource Conservation Recovery Act [RCRA] and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [CERCLA]), nuclear programs and the petroleum industry risk assessment process. The public is invited to attend this meeting and will be given opportunity to provide comments.

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 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 now been formed and work is ongoing (see <http://deq.state.wy.us/carbonsequestration.htm> for details).

This next meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

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

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