

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division ("DEQ/AQD"), Herschler building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, and Bridger Coal Company ("Bridger"), P.O. Box 68, Point of Rocks, WY 82942 enter into this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") to fully and finally resolve without litigation the violations cited in DEQ Notice of Violation Docket No. 4528-09 ("NOV"). The NOV alleges that Bridger failed to control fugitive dust in its mining operation at Bridger Coal Mine in violation of the Air Quality Act ("Act"), applicable Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations ("WAQSR") and various air quality permits issued to Bridger.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-901(a)(ii) (West 2008) authorizes stipulated settlement, including payment of a penalty, in lieu of litigation. To that end, Bridger and the DEQ/AQD hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The DEQ/AQD is responsible for enforcing the Act and WAQSR.
2. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-201 states: "No person shall cause, threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any air contaminant in any form so as to cause pollution which violates rules, regulations and standards adopted by the council."
3. Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(i)(A) of the WAQSR states: "Any person engaged in clearing or leveling of land, earthmoving, excavation, or movement of trucks or construction equipment over access haul roads or cleared land shall take steps to minimize fugitive dust from such activities. Such control measures may include frequent watering and/or chemical stabilization."
4. Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(ii)(A) of the WAQSR states: "Any person owning, operating or maintaining a new or existing material storage, handling and/or hauling operation shall minimize fugitive dust from such operations. Such control measures may include the application of asphalt, oil, water or suitable chemicals on unpaved roads, material stockpiles and other surfaces which can give rise to airborne dust..."
5. Various permits issued to Bridger for the Bridger Coal Mine require Bridger to implement fugitive dust control measures and to install and operate an ambient particulate monitoring network.
6. During a DEQ/AQD review of Bridger's ambient particulate monitoring data for the JB 04 Monitor monitoring site associated with the Bridger Coal Mine, the DEQ/AQD determined that there was an exceedance of the 24-hour PM₁₀ standard at the site on April 20, 2008. The final PM₁₀ 24-hour concentration for April 20, 2008 was measured at 176.1 µg/m³, exceeding the PM₁₀ 24-hour average concentration limit of 150 µg/m³.
7. Based on DEQ/AQD's review of Bridger's monitoring data, the DEQ/AQD determined that Bridger failed to take appropriate measures to control fugitive dust emissions from the excavation, stockpiling, material handling and material hauling operations at the Bridger Coal Mine as required by WAQSR, Chapter 3, Section 2 and the various air quality permits issued to Bridger.
8. Bridger agrees to pay the DEQ/AQD ten thousand dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00) as a stipulated settlement amount. Bridger shall make full payment of the settlement amount by check made payable to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, within thirty (30)

days after Bridger has been notified by DEQ/AQD that the final signature has been affixed to the Agreement. Bridger shall mail the payment to John S. Burbridge, Senior Assistant Attorney General, 123 Capitol Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

9. Bridger, by entering into this Agreement, does not concede or admit to any liability, and this Agreement constitutes no admission of fault or noncompliance.

10. Full compliance with the signed Agreement shall constitute full satisfaction for all claims by the DEQ/AQD against Bridger based on the NOV and, solely in reliance on the Agreement, the DEQ/AQD will refrain from taking further enforcement action against Bridger for that particular asserted violation.

11. Bridger waives any statute of limitations which may apply to an enforcement action by the DEQ/AQD involving the specific matters described in the NOV in the event that Bridger fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

12. This Agreement shall be admissible by either Bridger or DEQ/AQD (hereinafter Bridger and DEQ/AQD may be referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties") without objection by the other Party in any action between these Parties relating to the asserted noncompliance with this Agreement.

13. Neither Party hereto shall have any claim against the other for attorney's fees or other costs incurred with the NOV resolved hereby, including costs incurred in the preparation of the Agreement. Each Party shall bear its own attorney fees and costs, if any, incurred through the date this Agreement is signed by both Parties. Each Party assumes the risk of any liability arising from its own conduct. Neither Party agrees to insure, defend or indemnify the other.

14. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this Agreement which are mutually agreed upon by the Parties shall be incorporated by written instrument, executed and signed by all Parties to this Agreement.

15. The construction, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wyoming. The Courts of the State of Wyoming shall have jurisdiction over this Agreement and the Parties, and the venue shall be the First Judicial District, Laramie County, Wyoming.

16. This Agreement, consisting of three (3) pages represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.

17. The State of Wyoming and the DEQ/AQD do not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement and specifically retain immunity and all defenses available to them as sovereigns pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 1-39-104(a) and all other state law.

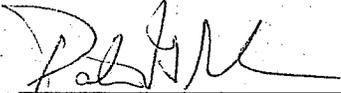
18. The Parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of third party beneficiary, and this Agreement shall not be construed so as to create such status. The rights, duties and obligations contained in the Agreement shall operate only between the Parties to this Agreement, and shall inure solely to the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement. The Parties to this Agreement intend and expressly agree that only Parties signatory to this Agreement shall have legal or equitable right to seek to enforce this Agreement, to seek any remedy arising out of a Party's performance or failure to perform any

term or condition of this Agreement, or to bring an action for the breach of this Agreement.

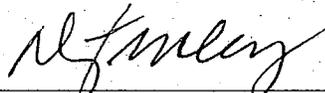
19. Each Party represents that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement and agree to be bound hereby. This Agreement shall become binding upon the Parties once executed by all Parties.

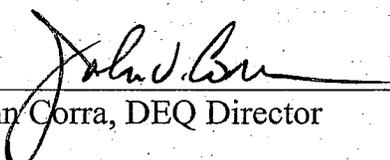
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Agreement:

BRIDGER COAL COMPANY

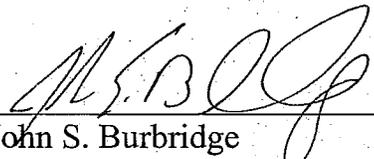
By:  11/9/09
GENERAL MANAGER Date

STATE OF WYOMING, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

By:  11/13/09
David Finley, AQD Administrator Date

By:  11/15/09
John Corra, DEQ Director Date

APPRVAL AS TO FORM:

By:  11-13-09
John S. Burbridge Date
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for DEQ/AQD