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Matthew H. Mead, Governor

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October 6, 2014

Mr. Jim Bush  
Monolith Minerals, LLC.  
P.O. Box 101  
Devils Tower, WY 82714

**RE: Notice of Violation, Docket No. 5466-14, Exploration Drilling, Monolith Minerals LLC.**

Dear Mr. Bush:

Enclosed you will find a Notice of Violation issued under the provisions of W.S. §35-11-701(c). The Notice of Violation is based on inspections conducted by BJ Kristiansen, Luke McMahan and Dorrin Larner of the LQD District III staff on August 20, 2014 and August 26, 2014. The violation is for failure to provide proper bond, which is a violation of Wyoming Noncoal Rules and Regulations Chapter 8, Section 3(a) which requires the operator to post and maintain a bond of \$10,000 for each exploration area.

The LQD is attempting to resolve this issue without further enforcement action, and requires that you contact Mr. Mark Rogaczewski, LQD District III Supervisor at 307-673-9337 **within** fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter to schedule a meeting to resolve this enforcement action. Should resolution of this enforcement action be reached as a result of this meeting, a Settlement Agreement will be signed by both parties.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Rogaczewski, Supervisor, LQD District III at 307-672-6488.

Respectfully,

Todd Parfitt, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

Nancy Nutbrock, Deputy Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Administrator, Land Quality Division

Enclosures: Notice of Violation Docket No. 5466-14

cc: Mark Rogaczewski, Supervisor, LQD District III  
File, Monolith Minerals LLC

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STATE OF WYOMING

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF )  
VIOLATION ISSUED TO )  
MONOLITH MINERALS, LLC )  
ATTN: Mr. Jim Bush ) Docket No. 5466-14  
P.O. Box 101 )  
Devils Tower, WY 82714 )  
NO PERMIT )

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. Notice of Violation (NOV) is being sent to you pursuant to Wyoming Statute §35-11-701(c)(i) which requires that a written notice shall be issued in the case of failure to correct or remedy an alleged violation.
2. Monolith Minerals, LLC. is the mineral lease holder of a potential limestone mining operation located in Crook County, Wyoming, in Sections 36 Township 52 North, Range 62 West. As part of its operation, Monolith Minerals, LLC, has conducted exploration drilling at this site for the purpose of delineating the limestone outcropping for potential mining activities.
3. During an inspection performed on August 20, 2014, by Mr. BJ Kristiansen and Mr. Luke McMahan of the LQD District III staff, unauthorized drilling activities on Section 36, Township 52 North, Range 62 West were discovered.
4. During an inspection performed on August 26, 2014, by Mr. BJ Kristiansen and Mr. Dorrn Larner of the LQD District III staff, unauthorized drilling activities on Section 36, Township 52 North, Range 62 West were confirmed.
5. Failure to properly bond prior to exploration activity is a violation of Wyoming Noncoal Rules and Regulations Chapter 8, Section 3(a).
6. Wyoming Statute §35-11-901(a) provides that any person who violates any provision of the Environmental Quality Act or any rule, standard, permit, license or variance adopted hereunder is liable to a penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day of violation, which penalty may be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the People of the State of Wyoming.

NOTHING IN THE NOTICE shall be interpreted to in any way limit or contravene any other remedy available under the Environmental Quality Act, nor shall this NOV be interpreted as being a condition precedent to any other enforcement action.

SIGNED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014

  
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Todd Parfitt  
Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

  
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Nancy Nuttbrock  
Deputy Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Administrator, Land Quality Division

Please direct all inquiries regarding this Notice of Violation to Mr. Mark Rogaczewski, District III Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division, 2100 West 5<sup>th</sup> St., Sheridan, WY, 82801

cc: Mark Rogaczewski, LQD DIII  
Cheyenne LQD File