

Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division

NONCOAL PROGRAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MINING RECLAMATION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Wyoming noncoal mine operators are invited to submit their applications for a mining reclamation award. Mine operators may apply based on an achievement in a specific aspect of reclamation or for overall performance in meeting reclamation goals. All applications should demonstrate on-the-ground results. Award winners will be recognized at the Wyoming Mining Association Annual meeting on June 17, 2016 and through press releases and postings on the DEQ web page.

Any operator with a current small or regular mine permit is encouraged to apply.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- I. Cover sheet with the following information:
 - a. Company name, mine name (if any), permit number, and mineral
 - b. Location and size of the mining operation (county, general description of location)
 - c. Name, address, email address, and phone number of the company contact person for the reclamation award application
 - d. Names and titles of individuals directly responsible for the reclamation project
- II. Narrative description of the reclamation project or accomplishment that resulted in exemplary success in reclaiming a mined area, including:
 - a. Brief summary of the mining and reclamation project
 - b. Description of the reclamation activity or practice, including specific problems, solutions and/or unusual circumstances
 - c. On-site effectiveness of the reclamation work, documented and quantified with data (if available) and photographs (before and after sequences, for example)
 - d. Transferability or value of the accomplishment to other mining and reclamation operations
 - e. Long-term benefits to the landowner and/or local or regional community

Applications are due by Friday, May 13. Applications may be submitted electronically or hard copy to Brian Wood in the LQD Lander field office (brian.wood@wyo.gov). The mailing address is 510 Meadowview Drive, Lander, Wyoming, 82801. Applications will be reviewed by the LQD staff and recommendations forwarded to the Administrator for a final decision. Please contact Brian Wood 307-335-6952, or one of the LQD Program Managers for more information. Contact information is available on the LQD web page (<http://deq.wyoming.gov/lqd/resources/contact-6/>).