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RE: Citizen Comments on Financial Assurance Rulemaking

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These public comments have been compiled for submittal to the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) for the Financial Assurance Rulemaking hearing on February 19, 2019.

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Message: We support the new rules strengthening the standards for coal mine reclamation laws being discussed by the WEQC that would close the loopholes in how companies qualify for self-bonds and are necessary to protect WY taxpayers. The headline in the Billings Gazette Jan.31,2019: Colstrip cleanup cost: \$700M....who will pay that? Too many times our governments have allowed oil and mining companies to pollute our environment for their easy profit leaving the taxpayer/customer to shoulder the burden.