

Wyoming Mining Association

Mr. Alan Edwards
Deputy Director
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Dear Mr. Edwards,

The Wyoming Mining Association (WMA) is a statewide trade organization that represents and advocates for 25 mining company members producing bentonite, coal, trona and uranium. WMA also represents 120 associate member companies, one railroad, two electricity co-ops, and 200 individual members.

WMA urges your approval of the Brook Mine permit. As you might imagine, given both the seven years of review of this proposed mine as well as the current state Wyoming's economy, we believe this permit to be even more important to approve. This mine is needed. Ramaco Carbon's mine and investment into coal technology research, development and manufacturing will be a key venture for our mining sector in Wyoming moving forward.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality has done its job for the people of this great state – the review has been more than thorough. The public is assured of a vetted and tested application. What we hope you can next do is proceed with issuing this long-awaited permit. Ramaco's investment and jobs are much needed.

WMA fully supports the approval of Ramaco's Brook Mine permit. Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Best regards,

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Executive Director
Wyoming Mining Association