

SENATE FILE NO. SF0166

Drilling reports-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hines

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to minerals; providing for the
2 confidentiality of drilling reports as specified; requiring
3 notice of the provisions; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-404(e) is amended to read:

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10 **35-11-404. Drill holes to be capped, sealed or**
11 **plugged.**

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13 (e) Within twelve (12) months after the completion
14 and proper abandonment of any hole drilled any person shall
15 file with the administrator, land quality division and the
16 state engineer a report which shall include the location of
17 each hole to the nearest forty (40) acre legal subdivision

1 and the depth of each hole drilled. ~~Such~~The reports ~~are~~
2 shall be confidential for a period of five (5) years from
3 the date of filing. The period may be extended for
4 additional five (5) year periods upon request of the person
5 filing the report. The division shall not release any
6 information under this subsection which would violate the
7 provisions of W.S. 35-11-1101(a).

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9 **Section 2.**

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11 (a) If the division receives a request for a release
12 of any report filed prior to the effective date of this
13 act, the division shall notify the person filing the act of
14 the request for the release of the report at his last known
15 address on file with the division. If no objection is
16 received by the division within thirty (30) days from the
17 date of notification, the report shall be released.

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19 (b) Not later than ninety (90) days following the
20 effective date of this act, the division shall file notice
21 of the provisions of this act in a newspaper of statewide
22 distribution. The notice shall contain provisions for any
23 person who filed a report prior to the effective date of

1 this act to request that the report be kept confidential
2 according to the provisions of this act.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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6 (END)