

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0111

Public lands-mineral leases.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Miller, Boswell, Edwards,
Lockhart and McOmie and Senator(s) Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; specifying conditions for
2 mineral leases of state lands; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-6-102 is amended to read:

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9 **36-6-102. Submission, custody and confidentiality of**
10 **subsurface log reports.**

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12 (a) Contingent upon the leasing of any state or state
13 school lands for coal, uranium or other mineral
14 exploration, the board of land commissioners shall require
15 copies of all electrical, gamma-ray neutron, resistivity or
16 other types of subsurface log reports, and all assay

1 reports for any rock cores or cuttings to be submitted to
2 the office of the state geologist within ~~three (3) years~~
3 ninety (90) days after completion of drilling and
4 completion of associated reports. ~~All copies thereof will~~
5 ~~become the property of the state to be retained within the~~
6 ~~permanent files of the Wyoming geological survey for the~~
7 ~~exclusive use of the staff, as required by law for~~
8 ~~evaluation purposes.~~ Reports received by the oil and gas
9 conservation commission shall qualify for this provision.

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11 (b) All subsurface log reports and assay reports will
12 be held confidential for a period of ~~seven (7)~~ three (3)
13 years after ~~received~~ initial receipt by the state
14 geologist. ~~or until the expiration of the lease, whichever~~
15 ~~is the lesser period of time. If the lease is being held by~~
16 ~~production, all reports will be held confidential until the~~
17 ~~lease is terminated~~ Confidentiality may be extended in one
18 (1) year increments upon receipt by the state geologist of
19 a written request by certified mail, return receipt
20 requested, from the person or legal entity requesting that
21 confidentiality be extended. All requests must be received
22 prior to December 31 of the year following expiration of
23 the period of confidentiality. All reports filed under
24 this section shall become the property of the state to be

1 retained within the permanent files of the Wyoming
2 geological survey board for the use of the office and
3 public after the period of confidentiality has expired.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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