

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0041

ENROLLED ACT NO. 7, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to environmental quality; clarifying the financial institutions from which operators may obtain irrevocable letters of credit to deposit with the department of environmental quality in lieu of a bond; specifying applicability; authorizing rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-504(e) are amended to read:

**35-11-418. Cash or securities in lieu of bond.**

(a) For coal mining operations, in lieu of a bond, the operator or its principal may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, or cash, or government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4).

(b) For noncoal mining operations that take place on land that is not owned or operated by the United States or a federal agency, in lieu of a bond, the operator or the operator's principal may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, or cash, or government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank or credit union organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4).

(c) Irrevocable letters of credit deposited under this section shall be issued by a bank that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union

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that is insured by the national credit union administration.

**35-11-504. Bonding for solid waste management facilities.**

(e) In lieu of a bond, the operator may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, cash, government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank or a credit union organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4). Irrevocable letters of credit deposited under this subsection shall be issued by a bank that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union that is insured by the national credit union administration.

**Section 2.** This act shall apply to irrevocable letters of credit deposited under W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-504(e) that are issued on and after the effective date of this act.

**Section 3.** The environmental quality council, upon recommendation by the department of environmental quality, shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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**Section 4.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk