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January 9, 2014

Director John Tubbs
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1625 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Director Tubbs:

Pursuant to 75-1-324(10), MCA, the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) reviewed MAR Notice No. 36-22-176 to amend the Department's current definition of "combined appropriation" as set forth in ARM 36.12.101. Following a review of the Department's proposal and after careful consideration, a majority of the members of the EQC notified the EQC's presiding officer on January 9, 2014, that they objected to the notice of proposed rulemaking in order to address the proposed rule at the EQC's next committee meeting. This letter constitutes notice to the Department that the EQC objected to MAR Notice No. 36-22-176 pursuant to 2-4-305(9), MCA, of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act. A copy of this notification is included in the EQC's records.

The effect of the EQC's objection is that following the receipt of this notice by the Department, the proposed rule may not be adopted until publication of the last issue of the register that is published before expiration of the 6-month period during which the adoption notice must be published unless, prior to that time, the EQC meets and does not make the same objection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen C. Thigpen
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Environmental Quality Council

cc: Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Policy Analyst