

ENROLLED ACT NO. 21, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(a) Contingent upon the leasing of any state or state school lands for coal, uranium or other mineral exploration, the board of land commissioners shall require copies of all electrical, gamma-ray neutron, resistivity or other types of subsurface log reports, and all assay reports for any rock cores or cuttings to be submitted to the office of the state geologist within ~~three (3) years~~ ninety (90) days after completion of drilling and completion of associated reports. ~~All copies thereof will become the property of the state to be retained within the permanent files of the Wyoming geological survey for the exclusive use of the staff, as required by law for evaluation purposes.~~ Reports ~~received by~~ submitted to the oil and gas conservation commission ~~shall qualify for this provision~~ are deemed to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(b) All subsurface log reports and assay reports will be held confidential for a period of ~~seven (7)~~ three (3) years after ~~received~~ initial receipt by the state geologist. ~~or until the expiration of the lease, whichever is the lesser period of time. If the lease is being held by production, all reports will be held confidential until the lease is terminated~~ Confidentiality may be extended in one

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(1) year increments upon receipt by the state geologist of a written request by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the person or legal entity requesting that confidentiality be extended. All requests must be received prior to the expiration of the period of confidentiality. All reports filed under this section shall become the property of the state to be retained within the permanent files of the Wyoming geological survey board for the use of the office and public after the period of confidentiality has expired.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk