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To: Select Committee on Efficiency in Government (SCEG) members

From: Jason Mohr, LSD

Re: Follow-up on DEQ meetings with Montana Mining Association (MMA),
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

At the April 10 SCEG meeting, the committee requested Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff meet with staff from the mining association and the bureau. Specifically, the committee wanted the MMA and the DEQ to discuss the possible development of electronic forms. And the committee wanted the MBMG and the DEQ to discuss a shared repository of mining records.

As of June 5, those meeting have yet to take place.

The DEQ was to discuss electronic forms with MMA members at the association's May 30-31 annual meeting in Butte, but department staff said that invitation was apparently withdrawn. DEQ staff is now attempting to schedule a meeting with the association's Environmental Committee some time this month.

While the meeting between the MBMG and DEQ has not happened, DEQ staff is working on a cost estimate for scanning their mining records for possible inclusion with the MBMG's historic mining records.

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