

The Effects of the Sales and Use Tax Exemption For Coal Gasification and Liquefaction

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Overview

Original House Bill No. 61 (Enrolled Act No. 5) was signed by Governor Freudenthal into law on March 9, 2006. This act relates to taxation and revenue and provides for a sales and use tax exemption for the sales/purchases of equipment used to construct a new coal gasification or coal liquefaction facility. The act provides for reporting requirements and an effective date.

Specific Reporting Requirement by Statute

The coal gasification and liquefaction exemption is located within the “economic incentive” group of sales and use tax exemptions in the Wyoming statutes. [W.S. 39-15-105(a)(viii) and W.S. 39-16-105(a)(viii)] As amended, 2006 Session Laws, Chapter 14 requires the Wyoming Business Council, Wyoming Department of Employment [Workforce Services] and the Department of Revenue to report on this exemption annually to the Joint Revenue Interim Committee. Specifically, by December 1 of each year the exemption is in effect these agencies are to report the exemptions effects on

- (i) employment in the coal gasification and coal liquefaction industry in terms of the numbers of employees, full-time and part time employees, and rate of turnover;
- (ii) wages and benefits disaggregated by gender for each job category; and
- (iii) taxes paid to the state of Wyoming by companies engaged in constructing a coal gasification and coal liquefaction facility.

Findings

This is the eleventh written report in a series of annual reports on the effects of the sales and use tax exemption for companies in the coal gasification and coal liquefaction industry. The Department has been actively tracking any proposed projects. At this time there are no projects actively being pursued within the state of Wyoming as it is not considered economically viable.

Employment Information

Currently not applicable, as the department has not identified any businesses actively engaged in constructing a commercial facility at this time.

Wage and Benefits Information

Currently not applicable, as the department has not identified any businesses actively engaged in constructing a commercial facility at this time.

Fiscal Information

Currently not applicable, as the department has not identified any businesses actively engaged in constructing a commercial facility at this time.