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To: Governor's Office of Economic Development

Environmental Quality Council

HB 533, as passed during the 2011 Legislative Session, requires the Montana Department of Labor and Industry to report on the number of jobs created as a result of the passage of HB 533. Since the last quarterly report, provided on March 30, 2012, no coal leases have been brought to the State Land Board for action. Therefore, no analysis of jobs created is warranted at this time.

I will update this report as required by statute, on or before September 1, 2012. If you have any questions, I can be contacted at tyounkin@mt.gov or (406) 444-3293.

Sincerely,

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