

ENROLLED ACT NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to environmental quality; specifying that a surface owner is an innocent owner if the source of the contamination is a pipeline as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-1801(a)(v), (vi) and by creating a new paragraph (vii) is amended to read:

**35-11-1801. Definition of innocent owner.**

(a) "Innocent owner" means a person who did not cause or contribute to the source of contamination and who is one (1) of the following:

(v) A unit of state or local government which acquired ownership or control through bankruptcy, tax delinquency, abandonment or other circumstances in which the government acquires title by virtue of its function as sovereign, unless the state or local government contributed to the contamination;~~or~~

(vi) A bona fide prospective purchaser;~~or~~ or

(vii) A surface owner if the source of the contamination was a pipeline running under or across the land of the surface owner and the surface owner was not involved in the installation, operation or maintenance of the pipeline.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk