

Inspectors cite bentonite mine in safety sweep

Thermopolis facility's owner not sure why site was targeted

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A bentonite facility near Thermopolis was one of several mining sites across the county issued citations from federal inspectors in a safety sweep in April, although the facility's owner isn't sure why it was included in the highly publicized inspections.

Inspectors from the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine and Safety Health Administration, or MSHA, wrote six ci-

tations for the Lucerne Mill, owned by Billings-based Wyo-Ben Inc., in the sweep, the agency announced Tuesday.

The citations were a handful of the 255 citations and orders written during what the agency called "special impact" inspections of 15 mines, including eight coal mines.

The Lucerne Mill was the only Wyoming site to be inspected in the sweep. "MSHA inspectors

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