1	WYOMING WATER AND WASTE ADVISORY BOARD
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4	RE: WATER AND WASTE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
6 7	TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING PROCEEDINGS
8	Pursuant to notice duly given to all parties
9	in interest, this matter came on for meeting on the 15th
10	day of March, 2022, at the hour of 9:06 a.m., before the
11	Wyoming Water and Waste Advisory Board, Ms. Lorie Cahn,
12	Acting Chairman presiding, and Mr. Brian Deurloo,
13	Mr. James Cochran, with Mr. Brian Dickson and Mr. James
14	Peters, Attorney for the Board, also in attendance
15	virtually.
16	Ms. Nicole Budine, Attorney for the Division;
17	Ms. Jennifer Zygmunt, Water Quality Administrator;
18	Ms. Lily Barkau, Groundwater Section Manager; Mr. Keenan
19	Hendon, Water and Wastewater Section Manager; and
20	Ms. Gina Thompson, Water Quality Division, in attendance,
21	as well as various members of DEQ staff and the public in
22	attendance virtually.
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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 (Meeting proceedings commenced 3 9:06 a.m., March 15, 2022.) 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Call this meeting to 5 order, the Water and Waste Advisory Board for the state of Wyoming on the 16th of March. 6 7 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: 15th. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: 15th of March. Oh, 8 9 dear. Thank you. I don't know if, Jennifer, you want to start off. 10 11 I would --MS. ZYGMUNT: Sure. 12 1.3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would -- actually, maybe just real quick. Our Board Chair Alan Kirkbride 14 passed away recently, and I just thought -- we thought it 15 would be nice to have a moment of silence for Alan. 16 (A moment of silence was observed.) 17 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I would like to invite -- if anybody on the Board would like to say 19 20 something, please feel free or anybody in DEQ. BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I'd just say he was 21 22 a good guy. We joined the same day on the Board. We were Leadership Wyoming classmates. He was a gentle giant. Had 23 the biggest hands I ever shook, I think, or darn near. He 24 was a rancher, a gentleman, a Christian, and all-around 25

- 1 good guy, so I'll miss him.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: He'll be missed.
- 3 MS. ZYGMUNT: Agreed. We'll miss his
- 4 leadership and his kindness and his support for
- 5 conservation and natural resources in Wyoming. He was a
- 6 no-nonsense guy, and I'm sure he'd want us to continue on
- 7 with the business today, and we look forward to the
- 8 discussion, but we will miss him deeply. So thank you for
- 9 the comments.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: He was really
- 12 thoughtful, kind, and fun to work with, and I just really
- 13 enjoyed the good, kind person, so we will miss him.
- Okay. With that, I think we'll do introductions,
- 15 and then I'll turn it over to Jennifer.
- 16 So I'm Lorie Cahn. I'm the acting chair
- 17 representing the public at large.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Jim Cochran,
- 19 representing local government.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I'm Brian Deurloo.
- 21 I represent industry.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: I'm Brian Dickson,
- 23 representing the public at large.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.
- 25 I'll do some DEQ introductions. My name is Jennifer

- 1 Zygmunt. I am the Water Quality Division Administrator.
- MS. BARKAU: Lily Barkau, Groundwater
- 3 Section Manager in the Water Quality Division.
- 4 MS. THOMPSON: Gina Thompson, Water Quality
- 5 Division Policy and Planning Analyst.
- 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: And also in the room with us
- 7 today we have Keenan Hendon, who is our Water and
- 8 Wastewater Section Manager. And Anthony Rivers, also in
- 9 the Water and Wastewater Section. They'll be presenting to
- 10 us later on today regarding Chapter 12.
- 11 Via Zoom we will have Lindsay Patterson, our
- 12 Standards Program Manager, and David Waterstreet, our
- 13 Watershed Section Manager, to talk about Chapter 1 as well.
- And then to note a couple other people. We have
- 15 Nicole Budine, who is Water Quality Division's Attorney
- 16 General. And then we also have Jim Peters on via Zoom. He
- 17 is the Attorney General for the Board. So he is here to
- 18 help with any questions that the Board may have
- 19 procedurally. So please know that he is here as a resource
- 20 as well.
- 21 So Madam Chairwoman, I think that covers
- 22 introductions. At this point I would suggest to the Board
- 23 that we could talk about elections and what the Board's
- 24 preference to do there. If you would like to have
- 25 reelections at this time or wait until we have a full board

- 1 again.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Open it up for
- 3 discussion. I think the two ideas on the table are to wait
- 4 until we have a full board and Alan is replaced, or elect
- 5 officers at this point. So open up for discussion.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I guess I have to
- 7 start with a question. What's the time frame typically to
- 8 replace a board member?
- 9 MS. ZYGMUNT: It depends. The governor's
- 10 office is aware of the vacancy. Sometimes the governor may
- 11 have a candidate in mind, otherwise we will be suggesting
- 12 candidates to the governor's office. So I'll put the word
- out now that if you have suggestions for a good replacement
- 14 for the Board, please feel free to pass those names on to
- 15 me and we'll give them to the governor's office.
- 16 Once they have candidates, I've generally found
- 17 it may only take them a few weeks to review the nominations
- 18 and make a decision. I would anticipate by the June -- or
- 19 second quarter meeting we could have a replacement onboard.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would also like to
- 21 add that it has taken over a year sometimes to replace
- 22 board members. So just keep that in mind, that it doesn't
- 23 necessary -- it'd be nice if it happened quickly, but
- 24 doesn't necessarily.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: And point of

- 1 clarification on that board member. They can be
- 2 nonpartisan now, so it doesn't matter if it's Republican or
- 3 Democrat. And should be coming from agriculture, correct?
- 4 MS. ZYGMUNT: Correct. Right.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So does the
- 6 conservation district count, if somebody was on the
- 7 conservation district for agriculture?
- 8 MS. THOMPSON: I think it's just anyone
- 9 whose background or job is related to agriculture. So the
- 10 previous agriculture representative had been affiliated
- 11 with -- hold on. I'm sorry. Apparently it's muted.
- 12 Thank you, Jim, for pointing that out. I believe
- 13 for the discussion we're discussing reappointment of -- or
- 14 appointments of the vacancy.
- 15 And so the agricultural representative, the
- 16 previous gentleman was affiliated with one of the sugar
- 17 factories in the state. So I don't -- I don't know if he
- 18 was a grower or if he was just affiliated. So I think it's
- 19 anyone in ranching or agriculture in general, which, you
- 20 know, that's a good wide open sector, so hopefully we'll
- 21 have a quick appointment, because there's more applicants
- 22 and that kind of thing.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Any Board discussion?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: If you're okay as
- 25 the acting -- Madam Chairman, if you're okay as the acting

- 1 chairman for a while, I'm okay with delaying the vote for
- doing a vote on officers for the Board, if you're okay.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I would propose we
- 4 put it on the agenda for the next meeting, and if we have
- 5 somebody, that will be great. Otherwise, if it's going to
- 6 drag on, we'll move forward.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Brian, any thoughts?
- 8 BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: This is Brian
- 9 Dickson. I'm willing to wait until we have a full board.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So I have two --
- 11 I hear two ideas on the table. One, wait for a full board,
- 12 and one is to do it -- put it on the agenda for the next
- 13 meeting. So do I have a motion?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I move that we
- 15 conduct business in today's meeting with the Board as
- 16 currently structured. And -- and open the discussion for
- 17 voting for executive members of the board next meeting.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Do I have a
- 19 second?
- 20 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Second.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Discussion? Okay. All
- 22 in favor of the motion say aye?
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Aye.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Aye.
- BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: Aye.

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- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Aye. The motion 1 carries. We'll have this on the agenda at the next 2 meeting, and in the meantime I'll act as the acting chair. 3 4 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. Madam Chairwoman, 5 continuing on. So just a real brief review of the plans for today. We have three rules to talk to you about. We 6 7 will start with Chapter 29, which is a new rule, a fairly 8 short one that I think we can get through pretty quickly, involving carbon sequestration permit fees. 9 After that we'll take a break and hear from the 10 11 watershed section about Chapter 1, which is our Surface 12 Water Quality Standard. We're not going to get into 13 proposed revisions on that chapter today, but that is a foundational rule to the Water Quality Division. So I 14 asked Lindsay and David to start doing some 101 with the 15 Board to get you prepared to see the changes with that 16 rule, because they will be extensive. So I think it's a 17 18 good opportunity to start reviewing that rule and why it is important to the Division. 19 20 And then we will wrap up with a second presentation on Chapter 12, which is our Design and 21 22 Construction Standards for Public Water Supplies, which we
- 25 response to comments that we have prepared for you.

talked about in December, and we will walk through

presentation and go through the summary of revisions and

- So that is the goal for today. We can see how
- $2\,$ $\,$ the agenda goes and whether or not we go through lunch, and
- 3 we can make plans accordingly at that time. But we --
- 4 again, we look forward to the discussion on all three of
- 5 those rules. These are all good rules. We feel we have
- 6 good products, and we look forward to your input and advice
- 7 on how we move forward.
- 8 Before we get into the rules, I did want to take
- 9 an opportunity at the beginning of this meeting to just let
- 10 the Board know about some concerns I have in both my role
- 11 as the executive secretary for the Board and as the Water
- 12 Quality Division Administrator. It has come to my
- 13 attention that in the recent past we have had several
- 14 instances of board members reaching out to Water Quality
- 15 Division staff who aren't involved in the rulemaking
- 16 projects with questions or concerns about the rules, and --
- 17 without notifying me first. And this has been causing a
- 18 few problems that I just wanted to discuss with you.
- 19 First, and simply put, it does undermine my
- 20 authority as the administrator to bring rules before this
- 21 Board. And I think it also undermines the authority and
- 22 the action of this Board to provide advice to us on these
- 23 rules before I make a recommendation to the Director to
- 24 proceed forward with formal rulemaking.
- The staff who have been contacted may not have

- full access to the range of information that I use to make
- 2 any decisions in terms of a rule that we bring before you
- 3 and a rule that we bring to the Director. And while
- 4 they're trying to be helpful in providing information,
- 5 again, it may not be the most accurate information to
- 6 inform the Board on what we're proposing to move forward
- 7 with. It can put them in an awkward spot in that they,
- 8 again, want to be helpful, but they may not have the right
- 9 information and it could cause confusion. And my concern
- 10 is that can cause delays with rulemaking, potentially
- 11 overturning years of work that we've put into a rulemaking
- 12 decision.
- 13 Finally, that kind of communication can be
- 14 considered ex parte contact or biased decision making. I
- 15 do not want to get into the ins and outs of that, but refer
- 16 State of Wyoming Board Handbook and some executive orders
- 17 that speak to ex parte contacts specifically. Namely, that
- 18 if that kind of contact occurs, we may need to read it into
- 19 the administrative record. And that's just in the interest
- 20 of transparency and making sure that we have unbiased
- 21 decision making. So my request to you all is that if you
- 22 have questions or concerns, please notify me first. And if
- 23 you can't get ahold of me, contact the section manager. We
- 24 are more than happy to have that conversation, and we'll
- 25 bring in the appropriate staff to have those questions

- 1 answered.
- 2 And, again, this is will just make sure we're
- 3 following appropriate procedures, documenting things
- 4 appropriately, maintain transparency, giving you guys the
- 5 right information so that we make effective use of your
- 6 time in the time that we have for discussion at these board
- 7 meetings.
- 8 So that is the message I wanted to convey in my
- 9 briefing to you all. I appreciate your attention, and I'm
- 10 happy to open it up for questions briefly this morning. I
- 11 don't want to spend a lot of time discussing this, but I'm
- 12 also available offline if we have any questions or concerns
- 13 about appropriate procedures as we work through these
- 14 rules. Again, having that discussion is not a problem.
- 15 There's just an appropriate way to do it to make sure my
- 16 staff are protected and you guys, as board members, are
- 17 protected in your authority to act under the Environmental
- 18 Quality Act.
- So, Madam Chairwoman, that's the briefing I have
- 20 to give you all today, and so I'll stop there, and glad to
- 21 take any questions, if there are any.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I have a question
- 23 about -- so if we have a question for staff, we contact
- 24 you. You'll then bring in the appropriate -- the
- 25 appropriate people, or can we request certain people come

- in, whether or not they're working on it directly or not --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Absolutely.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- if they have the
- 4 expertise?
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. If you know of
- 6 somebody within the Division that you would like to be part
- 7 of that conversation, please let me know when you notify
- 8 me, and we can bring in those staff into the conversation,
- 9 if you feel they could help address questions and concerns.
- 10 That's not a problem.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 12 MS. ZYGMUNT: But then, you know, I and the
- 13 section manager can be there to make sure that in addition
- 14 to what that staff knows, you also have the information
- 15 that I've incorporated into my decision making to the
- 16 Director.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Then I had another
- 18 question kind of related to that. On the website -- you
- 19 know, I represent the public at large. And on the website
- there's no way to contact any board members directly.
- MS. THOMPSON: That's correct.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you just go over
- 23 that again for the new board members why that is?
- MS. THOMPSON: Sure. So that goes back to
- 25 the ex parte concerns as well. Because if someone from the

- 1 public is contacting you, there's -- there's no anonymity
- 2 when we're getting questions and comments from the public.
- If they want to contact you, it has to be transparent and
- 4 in the public eye. And so we've set it up to where we have
- 5 one uniform email address that we use to communicate with
- 6 you. But if a member from the public wanted to contact you
- 7 directly, they would be able to send an email to that
- 8 address, but it ensures that all of you get it at the same
- 9 time and that the Division is aware of what the comment is
- 10 as well.
- 11 So everybody gets all the same information at the
- 12 same time. It also protects your privacy a little bit,
- 13 depending on your level of concern. Before -- you know, at
- 14 one point we had all of your physical addresses and your
- 15 direct phone numbers on there. And like the agency's
- 16 approach for all the advisory boards -- and this is
- 17 consistent with the Environmental Quality Council's
- 18 approach as well -- is to have a uniform email address, to
- 19 not post all of your private information, your contact
- 20 information, directly on the website and to make sure that
- 21 when one of you is being contacted, you're all being
- 22 contacted at the same time.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Madam Chair, I have
- 24 a question. A little clarification on that. But we're
- 25 okay to reach out to entities that we're representing?

- 1 Like if I see a comment placed by the Town of Guernsey on
- 2 something, I can contact them and get clarification or no?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: I'm not aware of any concerns
- 4 with that.
- Jim Peters, if you're available to weigh in on
- 6 that question, you might be the more appropriate resource
- 7 to answer that question.
- 8 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Happy to chime in
- 9 there.
- 10 I think that communication is fine, but the
- 11 important piece, as Gina mentioned, is making sure that
- 12 what the results of that communication do become part of
- 13 the record. So if you do have communications with entities
- 14 related to proposed rules that are outside of the process,
- 15 what would be important is that we summarize the contents
- 16 of those communications and share that with the
- 17 administrators and staff and the fellow board members just
- 18 to make sure that they're aware of the communication that
- 19 occurred and that it is part of the administrative record.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, may I
- 22 ask a question?
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yes.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you. I hear
- 25 you loud and clear on that. Thank you for that

- 1 clarification. I appreciate it.
- May I ask a -- just a brief answer. What steps
- 3 do you take to take onboard comments from your general
- 4 staff? Like if you open up Chapter 12, and, you know,
- 5 these folks have been in the field implementing these rules
- 6 for the last couple decades, some of them, what steps do
- 7 you take to say, Hey, folks, we're going to open this up.
- 8 What comments do you have? If you give me an overview on
- 9 that, please.
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. Thank you for that
- 11 question. We do consult heavily with all the appropriate
- 12 staff, and that includes staff who you see before you at
- 13 these board meetings and staff that don't come to these
- 14 board meetings. As an example, for Chapter 12, which we
- 15 talked about -- and Keenan will get into this in his
- 16 presentation -- we spent several years with most of the
- 17 engineers in water and wastewater section having an
- 18 opportunity to weigh in on that chapter. Their feedback is
- 19 heard, and I take it very seriously. It is very valuable.
- 20 If I don't incorporate it into the final decision, it
- 21 doesn't mean that it hasn't been heard, it's just been
- 22 factored in along with other feedback that I've heard
- 23 before to make a decision.
- So it is standard for -- when we start the
- 25 rulemaking process, to have kind of an internal scoping

- 1 session with staff throughout the section, not just the
- 2 section manager, but the folks that are involved in
- 3 implementing these rules on a day-to-day basis do get an
- 4 opportunity to weigh in on the process as we draft the new
- 5 rules.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Excellent. Thank
- 7 you.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I have a question.
- 9 What about in a situation where somebody doesn't feel that
- 10 they're being heard, and they become like a whistleblower,
- 11 let's say. So how are they then protected? How does that
- 12 work, and maybe James can help us with this. But how are
- 13 they protected, if they have tried and they don't feel like
- 14 they're heard, what are the options and -- so...
- 15 MS. ZYGMUNT: If I understand your question
- 16 correctly, you know, staff are always welcome to approach
- 17 their supervisor, section manager or me with concerns.
- 18 Again, I take those concerns very seriously. I take their
- 19 feedback very seriously. And, again, that is weighed into
- 20 final decisions that are made.
- 21 I support open communication with staff, and they
- 22 have an opportunity to provide their feedback. But, again,
- 23 per the Environmental Quality Act, it is my authority as
- 24 administrator to take all that feedback and make a final
- 25 decision about the content of the rules that we bring

- 1 before you and then the content of the rules I recommend
- 2 the Director move forward with the formal rulemaking.
- 3 So I think that's the best way I can answer your
- 4 question, Lorie, is that --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm not sure that
- 6 answers the question. So, you know, I know that
- 7 whistleblowers are protected. So what if -- if something
- 8 moves into that kind of a situation, where they're not
- 9 feeling like they're heard and they want to, you know, go
- 10 outside as a -- like whistleblowing -- whistleblowers are
- 11 protected, at least federally. I don't understand how that
- 12 works necessarily.
- 13 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. I understand your
- 14 question. And I dont know if one of our attorneys can
- 15 speak to state laws about whistleblowers. I don't have any
- 16 further information at this point in terms of state laws.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: James? James is the
- 18 attorney; is that right?
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: James, can you weigh
- 20 in, please?
- 21 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I'm not sure I have a
- 22 whole lot to add at this -- as I understand, I think the
- 23 question is if there's, you know, a member of staff that
- 24 potentially has concerns with the rules and those concerns
- 25 are raised in the appropriate channels. Is your question

- 1 what -- what is sort of the remedy if that staff member
- 2 feels that those concerns haven't been heard? Am I
- 3 understanding the question properly?
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, that's correct.
- 5 So if they're -- they become, let's say, a whistleblower --
- 6 I'll just use that term, because we all understand what
- 7 that means -- and they want to go outside of DEQ, come to
- 8 the Board or whatever, is that -- are they protected or is
- 9 that not allowed or -- I dont know how that works in the
- 10 state of Wyoming.
- 11 MR. PETERS: That is a great question that
- 12 unfortunately I'm not sure I'm able to provide a lot of
- 13 color on at this point. But I think as Administrator
- 14 Zygmunt mentioned, I think the -- you know, the appropriate
- 15 process would be to run that through the agencies, up the
- 16 chain of command, essentially, within the agency, within
- 17 DEQ.
- 18 I know that doesn't directly answer your
- 19 question, but I'm not sure I've got a whole lot to add, and
- 20 I apologize at this point.
- 21 MS. ZYGMUNT: I know it's not answering
- 22 your question directly, Madam Chairwoman, but I can assure
- 23 you that it is my policy and the agency's policy to have an
- open chain of command, and we encourage that communication.
- 25 There is a chance to provide input, but at some point if

- 1 the decision makers need to make a decision, documentwide,
- 2 go through this process with the advisory board, public
- 3 notices and the EQC to get further feedback on the rule.
- 4 So recognizing broader concerns about whistleblowers, I
- 5 think we avoid that situation by having the open chain of
- 6 command that we do, and open communication that is
- 7 supported by myself and the Director.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I appreciate that,
- 9 but I would like maybe, James, you could get back to us on
- 10 kind of whistleblower, you know, in the event that somebody
- 11 doesn't feel heard, you know, going through the channels,
- 12 what kind of protection, you know, there is for
- 13 whistleblowers. Just if you can get back to us, James, on
- 14 what happens in the state of Wyoming. I appreciate that.
- 15 Thanks.
- 16 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. We will go ahead and
- 17 move on to the next agenda item, which will be Chapter 29.
- 18 The Board has the proposed rule. Again, you will be
- 19 pleased to note this is only a two-and-a-half-page rule, so
- 20 it should be a fairly straightforward discussion, but we
- 21 are looking forward to talking with you about this proposed
- 22 rule.
- This is a new rule that establishes injection and
- 24 closure fees associated with carbon sequestration
- 25 facilities, also known as Class VI Underground Injection

- 1 Control Wells. Very simply put, carbon sequestration is
- 2 the process of injecting carbon dioxide into underground
- 3 geologic formations for purposes of long-term storage.
- 4 As a reminder, Wyoming is the second state in the
- 5 nation to have primacy to permit these Class VI wells. We
- 6 are very proud of that primacy. North Dakota is the other
- 7 state. And the Board reviewed not too long ago Chapter 24,
- 8 which is the rule we have to establish the Class VI
- 9 permitting process.
- 10 Wyoming Statute 35-11-13 gives DEQ the authority
- 11 to promulgate rules for these injection and closure fees.
- 12 And these fees can include a per-ton injection fee or
- 13 closure fee during the time that the owner or operator is
- 14 injecting carbon dioxide.
- 15 The funds from the fees go into what is called
- 16 the special revenue account, which is also authorized by
- 17 statute. And those funds are to be used by the State after
- 18 the site closes, the permit is terminated, and then the
- 19 State is responsible for long-term monitoring, measurement,
- 20 verification of the site. So the funds that go into the
- 21 special revenue account are only used for that purpose.
- 22 Interest in carbon sequestration is high. We
- 23 have received one application to date. We are anticipating
- 24 more. Lily is fielding quite a few calls from interested
- 25 companies, so we do feel it is important to get this rule

- 1 on the books to make sure once people start injecting, we
- 2 are collecting the appropriate fees so we can fund that
- 3 special revenue account so the state can do its job after
- 4 site closure.
- 5 I will note that we did not receive any public
- 6 comments on this rule. And, finally, I will note that we
- 7 will propose a couple additional revisions to the rule
- 8 today based on some legislation that was proposed this year
- 9 and did pass. That legislation, without getting into too
- 10 much detail, was related to long-term liability of these
- 11 carbon sequestration sites. So not directly within the
- 12 scope of our authority, but it is indirectly related to our
- 13 permitting process and site closure, and indirectly related
- 14 to these permit fees.
- 15 So based on some of these discussions that came
- 16 out during that bill and its review, we have proposed a few
- 17 additional minor revisions to our rule to further
- 18 strengthen it with regards to the discussions about
- 19 liability. That bill has not yet been signed. We do
- 20 anticipate the governor will sign it. If the bill does not
- 21 get signed, it is very easy for us to pull out that
- 22 language as needed. So we'll pull that up on the screen
- 23 and walk you through the additional language that we will
- 24 add at that point.
- 25 But let me stop there, and let me turn it over to

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- 1 Lily to walk through the rule and give you an outline how
- 2 this process will go.
- MS. BARKAU: Good morning. So I'm going to
- 4 just walk through Chapter 29, Geological Sequestration
- 5 Special Revenue Account Requirements. Starting with
- 6 Section 1, I'll just give a brief overview of that
- 7 particular section and ask if there's any questions that I
- 8 can help clarify.
- 9 So in Section 1, this describes the authority of
- 10 the regulations of the Environmental Quality Act that
- 11 allows us to implement this rule.
- 12 Are there any questions on Section 1?
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: No.
- 14 MS. BARKAU: Section 2 provides definitions
- 15 that are included in this rule that may need further
- 16 clarification or definition for them, to include carbon
- 17 dioxide stream, what a Class VI well is, and so forth.
- 18 Are there any questions on the definitions?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, I've
- 20 got one, please.
- On Class II well, it states "means any commercial
- 22 or non-commercial well used to dispose of water or fluids
- 23 directly associated with" and goes on. Water or fluids,
- 24 there's -- I wonder if there would be any value just
- 25 changing that to "material," so it includes "solid, gases,

- 1 and liquid." When you do inject down there, there's
- 2 part -- it's getting into the minutia of the detail, but
- 3 when you do an injection, whether it's CO2, water, or
- 4 waste, or something like that, where there's inherently
- 5 going to be gases, liquids, and solids in that waste. But
- 6 if you only want water and fluids, that's what you get.
- 7 But I wanted to have you consider changing it to
- 8 "material."
- 9 MS. BARKAU: I think we can certainly take
- 10 that back to consider it. However, this is a definition as
- 11 provided by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation
- 12 Commission --
- 13 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay. I wondered.
- MS. BARKAU: -- which we are using their
- 15 definition verbatim.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Fair enough. I'm
- 17 fine with that.
- 18 MS. BARKAU: Section 3, Applicability.
- 19 This chapter just applies to all owners, operators, and
- 20 permittees of Class VI wells.
- 21 Pretty short section. Any questions on that?
- 22 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That's the shortest
- 23 section I've seen.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would like to go back
- 25 to the definition -- Definition, Section 2. Sorry.

- 1 MS. BARKAU: Okay.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Just minor editorials
- 3 in carbon dioxide stream (a), is "any processing" and
- 4 any -- the words "any substances," are those words
- 5 necessary? And maybe, again, this is a definition from the
- 6 legislature, and then we can't do anything with it. But I
- 7 would -- I would say carbon dioxide stream means carbon
- 8 dioxide plus associated substances derived from the source
- 9 materials and process -- source materials, processing and
- 10 substances added to the stream.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman,
- 12 understanding the suggestion right now, that definition
- 13 matches what we have in Chapter 24.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 15 MS. ZYGMUNT: I think we would be hesitant
- 16 to reopen Chapter 24 to also change it there.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sure.
- 18 MS. ZYGMUNT: But we can consider those
- 19 proposed edits for a future time.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. That's fine.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Sure.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then on (c)(i). I
- 23 think there's an extra comma after geologic sequestration.
- 24 So "Is not experimental in nature and injects carbon
- 25 dioxide stream for geologic sequestration beneath the

- 1 lowermost formation..." I'm not sure between
- 2 "sequestration" and "beneath" the comma is necessary. So I
- 3 think it would read better without it.
- 4 MS. BARKAU: Again, that is one of those
- 5 that matches the definition in Chapter 24.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's fine. These are
- 7 just editorial suggestions, so...
- 8 MS. ZYGMUNT: We will note that for the
- 9 future.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you. That's all
- 11 I have on 2. Sorry.
- 12 And then -- does anybody have anything on 3 from
- 13 the Board?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I have kind of a
- 15 general comment, if I could.
- 16 On the fee, is that consistent with other
- 17 injection wells?
- 18 MS. BARKAU: Currently Wyoming does not
- 19 collect fees on our other UIC wells. I can only speak for
- 20 Class I and V. I believe the Class III wells are
- 21 associated with the mine permit under Land Quality
- 22 Division. The Class II wells I'm not familiar if there is
- 23 a fee associated with that, since that's under the old
- 24 Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: So how is the fee

- 1 set, I guess?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes. Thank you for the
- 3 question, and I think Lily will walk through that once we
- 4 get into Section 4 --
- 5 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay. Sorry.
- 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: -- here, and she'll outline
- 7 the process, and I think we may answer your question during
- 8 that description.
- 9 MS. BARKAU: All right. Moving on to
- 10 Section 4. These are the Requirements. This goes over how
- 11 we will be collecting the fee and utilizing the fee.
- 12 So to begin with, we are proposing a seven cents
- 13 per ton of carbon dioxide injected for the storage during
- 14 the period of injection into the subsurface geologic
- 15 formations. The fee will be based on reporting
- 16 requirements outlined in our Water Quality Rules Chapter
- 17 24.
- 18 The Administrator will provide written notice of
- 19 the amount of the fees on an annual basis, and those fees
- 20 are due upon receipt.
- 21 Failure to pay those fees is considered a
- 22 violation of Chapter 24.
- 23 Once those injections cease and the Administrator
- 24 receives a plugging and abandonment final report, the
- 25 Administrator will assess any remaining fees for that

- 1 calendar year and provide written notice of those fees to
- 2 be provided upon receipt.
- 3 No further fees are assessed for the special
- 4 revenue accounts if injections are not occurring.
- 5 Upon site closure, the -- this is when use of the
- 6 funds occur. An owner or operator may apply for site
- 7 closure if they demonstrate the requirements of Section 24
- 8 of Chapter 24. There's a pretty extensive list of
- 9 requirements to receive site closure certification. We
- 10 also will verify the release of all financial assurance
- 11 instruments. Those financial assurance instruments are
- 12 required during all phases of the carbon sequestration
- 13 project. So bonds, liability insurance are required. They
- 14 are returned to the owner or operator after the site is
- 15 closed.
- 16 We will be discussing some edits to this section
- 17 coming up in regards to the liability bill that's recently
- 18 passed legislation, which also includes the transfer of
- 19 title. But our primary -- primary focus is certification
- 20 of site closure and issuance of a project completion
- 21 certificate.
- 22 We will be evaluating the proposed cost estimate
- 23 to ensure that the monies in the special revenue accounts
- 24 are sufficient to address monitoring, measurement, and
- 25 verification after site closure. Any funds that are needed

- 1 will be recommended to the director to require those
- 2 additional fees.
- 3 And they will -- the owner or operator will need
- 4 to make that additional payment prior to receiving their
- 5 certificate of project completion, as well as certification
- 6 of site closure.
- 7 Upon the conditions of site closure, then the
- 8 Director will administer the funds in the account. And
- 9 that is the process for developing and utilizing the
- 10 special revenue accounts, and I'm open for questions now.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I'm good, thanks,
- 12 Madam Chair.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, I have
- 14 a few questions.
- 15 Seven cents for each ton, where did that amount
- 16 come from?
- 17 MS. BARKAU: Yes. That amount is actually
- 18 consistent with North Dakota, as mentioned the second state
- 19 to have primacy. Their assessment came from a worst-case
- 20 scenario of cleanup for a corrective action site or a state
- 21 Superfund site of what it would take to address additional
- 22 measures that are required.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: So that calculation
- 24 came from the state of North Dakota --
- MS. BARKAU: Yes.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: -- by way of
- 2 consultancy, doesn't matter --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: With our review.
- 4 MS. BARKAU: With our review.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Let me just take the seven
- 6 cents. Lily had looked extensively at the research that
- 7 North Dakota had completed, and we feel that it is
- 8 appropriate for the same purposes here in Wyoming.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay. What's a
- 10 typical well -- what's a typical CO2 well? I know they're
- 11 different, like snowflakes, but how many tons can you put
- in a well per day?
- MS. BARKAU: For example, as part of our
- 14 valuation for the seven cents per ton, if we took a project
- 15 that was going to be injecting 50 million tons over a
- 16 25-year span, you would be looking at about 2 million tons
- 17 per year. So the annual -- annual cost would be
- 18 approximately \$140,000 per year, with -- at the end of the
- 19 25 years you're looking at \$3.5 million to be included in
- 20 the special revenue account.
- 21 While it's in the special revenue account,
- 22 there's also interest. And at the end of the project, if
- 23 we feel that the 3.5 million is not appropriate or
- 24 sufficient based on cost estimates, we will require
- 25 additional funds to be included. So a standard corrective

- 1 action project, a worst-case scenario, can range anywhere
- 2 between \$1 million and \$5 million price.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That's just for
- 4 plugging and abandonment of a CO2 -- or sequestration well.
- 5 MS. BARKAU: Excuse me, sorry. Plugging
- 6 and abandonment is actually -- that occurs prior to site
- 7 closure, and would not be included in this -- this cost.
- 8 That cost would be directly paid for by the owner and
- 9 operator --
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Right.
- 11 MS. BARKAU: -- prior to site closure.
- 12 MS. ZYGMUNT: And if I may add to that. So
- 13 just to remind the Board, we're talking very long time
- 14 frames for Class VI permits.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Uh-huh.
- 16 MS. ZYGMUNT: Injection may occur for
- 17 25 years. But before they can get to site closure, as Lily
- 18 mentioned, Chapter 24 outlines some very robust procedures
- 19 they have to follow after they cease injecting to get to
- 20 site closure. And primarily using both modeling and
- 21 data -- and this is further supported by requirements in
- 22 the Environmental Quality Act, that they have to show at
- 23 least three years consecutive -- three years of consecutive
- 24 data that this plume is stable.
- 25 So by the time they get to site closure, by the

- 1 time they get to permit termination, it could be another
- 2 50 years after site closure -- after they have ceased
- 3 injecting. So we're talking about long periods of time.
- 4 But it's important that we get this injection
- 5 fee, and that we get it right and we have the ability to
- 6 require additional funds as needed at the cost estimate
- 7 when they are putting in for site closure, because the
- 8 State will be responsible for the long-term site care after
- 9 the site closes and the permit is terminated.
- 10 So that's our goal is to ensure we have enough
- 11 money in that account to carry out the activities the State
- 12 will be responsible for in the long-term, which could be
- another 50 years after that. So we're talking about very
- 14 long periods of time. Obviously none of us will be in our
- 15 various positions at that time to make those decisions, but
- 16 we are trying to set up the structure to ensure that funds
- 17 are available. And the special revenue account was first
- 18 envisioned by the 2019 carbon sequestration working group.
- 19 That concept was ultimately put into statutes, now being
- 20 put into rules. So for some context on the scope of time
- 21 that we're looking at and why it's important that we get
- 22 this funding and operate to the best that we can.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 24 A follow-on question, Madam Chair.
- 25 Is there any value to indexing this cost per ton

- 1 to the consumer price index to allow for inflation and
- 2 other things like that? I'm sure that's something you
- 3 considered.
- 4 MS. BARKAU: Yes. That is actually
- 5 incorporated into the cost estimates. So they're -- during
- 6 the life of the project and the injection, they will be
- 7 providing an annual cost estimate that includes inflation.
- 8 So while the seven cents per ton is for the immediate use,
- 9 that cost estimate for the site closure will account for
- 10 inflation. And that's where if funds are insufficient at
- 11 the end of the site closure, that cost estimate will be
- 12 used to require that additional fund.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you. I'm just
- 14 trying to make sure we don't get in a pickle that we've
- 15 been in in the past, with PNAs and all that stuff.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Understood.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I have other
- 18 comments, but that's the only one on that one. Thank you.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Any other Board
- 20 questions for Ms. Barkau?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, I have
- 22 more comments on Number 4, if you want me to continue.
- Okay. On 29-2, at the bottom of the page, I
- 24 think it's letter (v), "consider project-specific risk
- 25 assessments and projected timing of activities." Can we

- 1 just change that to schedule of activities or estimated
- 2 schedule? That is a recommendation changing that. You can
- 3 do with that what you may.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What line are you on?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: The very bottom,
- 6 (v).
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What line number?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Oh, sorry. 91.
- 9 Changing the words "projected timing" to "schedule of
- 10 activities." Line number 94, on the next page (vi). It's
- 11 a very weak statement, it reads basically the Administrator
- 12 will "consider whether sufficient funds are available to
- 13 carry out the required activities." I would make a
- 14 recommendation that you consider changing it to stronger
- 15 language like Administrator will "evaluate and make a
- 16 determination whether the funds are sufficient to carry out
- 17 the required activities."
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman.
- 19 Recognizing the comment, and we're happy to consider
- 20 stronger wording there, we do need to keep a delineation of
- 21 duties in that the Administrator can only consider and
- 22 recommend. It will be Director's responsibility to finally
- 23 determine if there are sufficient funds or insufficient
- 24 funds --
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay.

- 1 MS. ZYGMUNT: -- as outlined under (g)
- 2 there.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see.
- 4 MS. ZYGMUNT: But if there is a better way
- 5 to strengthen the Administrator's activity there, we -- we
- 6 could say evaluate and consider whether sufficient funds
- 7 are available. But, again, it -- my next step then would
- 8 be to recommend to the Director, and then he will make the
- 9 final decision.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see. Okay. I --
- 11 I like direct language, very direct and not passive, which
- 12 most regulations are written, you get a bunch of passive
- 13 verbs and so forth.
- In any case, line number 103, it reads
- 15 "...special revenue account to ensure that sufficient funds
- 16 are available to carry out the required..." "Carry out,"
- 17 I'd just change that to "execute the required activities."
- 18 And then line 104, following on there, it reads
- 19 "...activities on the date at which they may occur." I
- 20 see. So that holds -- that reads "ensure that sufficient
- 21 funds are available to execute the required activities on
- 22 the date in which they may" -- never mind. Okay. Strike
- 23 my thought there.
- Then the next line, 106, it says "Upon
- 25 determining the special revenue account..." It seems to me

- 1 that would probably read better if it starts with "If the
- 2 special revenue account balance, including accumulated
- 3 interest, is sufficient to cover the proposed cost
- 4 estimate," and then insert the word "'then' the Director
- 5 shall administer the funds in the account..." So make it
- 6 an if/then statement there. That's my only comments on
- 7 Section 4.
- 8 MS. ZYGMUNT: Would you mind reading your
- 9 proposed edits one more time? I didn't catch --
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That last one?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah. Sure. So I
- 13 would strike -- starting on line 106, strike "upon
- 14 determining the" and insert the words If the carrying on
- 15 special revenue account balance.
- 16 And then on line 107, between the word "estimate"
- and "the," where -- just put the word "then," t-h-e-n.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. Thank you.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Are there any other
- 21 questions from the Board or comments?
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: So before we wrap up the
- 23 discussion, if we can show you the additional proposed
- 24 language following discussion of the sequestration
- 25 language.

- 1 Go ahead and go up to Section 1, make sure we
- 2 have everything.
- 3 So first change would be simply updating your
- 4 cross-reference. So the proposed legislation, the past
- 5 legislation creates some new sections of statute. So we
- 6 simply need to update the applicable sections of statute to
- 7 this rule. So instead of just 313 to 318, we will add 319
- 8 and 320.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you tell us what
- 10 the title of those rules are?
- 11 MS. ZYGMUNT: I can. So Section 35-11-318
- 12 will now be titled Sequestered and Injected Carbon Dioxide;
- 13 Definitions.
- 14 The new Section 35-11-319 will be Certificate of
- 15 Project Completion, Release, Transfer of Title and Custody.
- 16 And then Madam Chairwoman, the new Section 320 is
- 17 the Geologic Sequestration Special Revenue Account,
- 18 previously Section 318, now Section 320, with addition of
- 19 the two other sections.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So 318 changed to
- 21 Sequestered and Injected CO2?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Correct.
- The next proposed revision we have added to the
- 24 rule would be (iv), under (f), and it adds language that
- 25 the Administrator shall "Verify that title to the stored or

- 1 injected carbon dioxide has been transferred to the State
- 2 if a certificate of project completion has been issued."
- 3 So this refers to a process in the legislation that
- 4 establishes a certificate of project completion and just
- 5 adds a step here for the Administrator to verify that the
- 6 title has been transferred if that certificate has been
- 7 issued.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Madam Chair, what
- 9 title is that? That's not a surface title.
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: No. It would be title to the
- 11 injected carbon dioxide.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: It's like a
- 13 subsurface ownership?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Correct.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair. Just
- 16 for clarity. The recommendation, can you scroll back up on
- 17 that?
- 18 I might consider changing that around, again,
- 19 just making it start with "If a certificate of completion
- 20 has been issued, then the Administrator will verify that
- 21 title to restore carbon --
- 22 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't hear you
- 23 very well.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I'd just turn it
- 25 around. My -- my exposition writer in high school would

- 1 say start with "If a certificate of project completion has
- 2 been issued, then the Administrator shall verify that title
- 3 to the stored or injected carbon dioxide has been
- 4 transferred to the State.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We wouldn't put in
- 6 "Administrator shall," because that's on line 78, and we
- 7 don't need that.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Take it for what
- 9 it's worth. I just recommended maybe turn that around,
- 10 because you're hanging the action on the end of it.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So it would just be, If
- 12 a certificate of project completion has been issued, verify
- 13 that title -- or verify title to the stored or injected --
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Has been transferred
- 15 to the State.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- has been transferred
- 17 to the State.
- 18 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah, we don't have any
- 19 concerns if you prefer moving that "if" statement to the
- 20 beginning, and the action's still "Administrator verifies."
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yes, please.
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. Then moving on the
- 23 next change. Under (g), adding (ii), The Department shall
- 24 not issue a certificate of project completion, if we
- 25 determine that there are insufficient funds in the special

- 1 revenue account.
- 2 So, again, this is just an additional way to
- 3 strengthen this rule, meaning that if we do not feel we
- 4 have enough funds in that account for the State to do its
- 5 job after site closure, we would not issue a certificate of
- 6 project completion, and the injector would remain liable
- 7 for future activities. So just an additional way to
- 8 strengthen our ability to make sure that all requirements
- 9 have been met before liability is transferred to the State
- 10 and the State begins its activities of long-term site care.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair. And to
- 12 be clear, as far as somebody in the industry disagrees with
- 13 your assessment, how would they contest that? Would they
- 14 take that to the EQC, or how would that be contested?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes. That's a good question.
- 16 And, you know, during this stage, during the review where
- 17 they have submitted a site closure plan, and we're
- 18 reviewing that to make sure they have met all requirements
- 19 of Chapter 24 I think inherent in that process, there would
- 20 be discussion with the company if we had concerns. I think
- 21 there would be ample opportunity to go back and forth with
- 22 that company to document our concerns, see if they can
- 23 provide more information. There are many public comment
- 24 opportunities during that process as well.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay.

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- 1 MS. ZYGMUNT: So that would be another way to formally document concerns. But then the next answer would be yes, if we make a formal decision, it would be 3 4 appealable to the Environmental Quality Council. BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Got it. Thank you. 5 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: And then last but not least, 7 under (h), simply updating the statute reference there, 35-11-318 to 320. 8 So Madam Chairwoman, that concludes the 9 10 additional revisions we're proposing for Chapter 29. 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Any further Board discussion? 12 13 How about members of the public? Is there anybody in the public that would like to comment? 14 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion. 15 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Can I ask one more 16 question, Madam Chair, please? I wrote it on the front 17 18 page, and so I forgot to look at it. You said this is becoming more -- this is 19 becoming maybe popular, that sequestration. Is there a 20
- 23 incentivize or entice industry to inject CO2 in this state,
- 24 or is there something that's going to drive this?
- 25 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman. That's a

carbon -- just out of curiosity, is there a carbon credit

scheme that we're working with in the state that's going to

- 1 great question. I believe so. I am not up to speed on
- 2 those discussions. I have heard some discussions about
- 3 carbon credit markets. I believe Wyoming Energy Authority
- 4 would be the better agency to reach out to for more
- 5 information. I know we saw at the -- we saw some proposed
- 6 legislation early on about carbon credit markets. At this
- 7 time, I'm not aware of any further structure, but Lily's
- 8 looking at me in a way she may know more than I do. So
- 9 I'll let her speak.
- 10 MS. BARKAU: Madam Chair. So the carbon
- 11 credit incentive is being somewhat discussed from the
- 12 Wyoming Business Council and the Wyoming Energy Authority.
- 13 But in regards to incentives, there is a tax credit called
- 14 45Q that is based on -- currently, it's \$50 per ton for
- 15 injections over 12 years. Then the current -- there's --
- 16 there are current discussions at the federal level to
- 17 increase that to possibly \$85 per ton. So lots of
- 18 incentives there. For enhanced oil recovery it's about
- 19 \$35 per ton. So the incentives are higher in regards to
- 20 the storage.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Follow-up question.
- 22 So we're charging seven cents, and they're going to get an
- 23 80 -- \$50 -- so I can see the incentive for sure.
- Okay. Well, in the world of -- I'm an industry
- 25 rep, so I can't -- I need to be careful how I state this.

- 1 But, you know, the boom and bust economy, that's not a bad
- 2 idea to store up when you can. I'll leave it at that.
- 3 MS. ZYGMUNT: Well, and if I can add a
- 4 comment. Again, when the operator is injecting, they have
- 5 to carry significant financial assurance.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Absolutely.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: Have to carry -- it's a very,
- 8 very robust procedure for them to do risk assessment and
- 9 establish bonds and financial assurance during the time
- 10 they are ability and responsible during the permit term.
- 11 And, again, this special revenue account is just
- 12 funding for long-term maintenance of that site. And I just
- 13 wanted to note that because there was confusion as we
- 14 worked through this discussion during legislature. The
- 15 special revenue account isn't the sole financial backup.
- 16 During the time they are carrying an active permit, they
- 17 have to carry financial assurance for any unforeseen
- 18 circumstances. I know that doesn't directly address your
- 19 questions, but it -- there are I think some very well
- 20 thought-out processes in terms of the financial
- 21 responsibility of the company while they're injecting, and
- 22 then what the role of the special revenue account is.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I understand.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Again, we think seven cents
- 25 per ton is appropriate, but, again, this is going to be a

- 1 long-term process. And if we have reason to believe in the
- 2 future that's not sufficient, I would imagine we'll be back
- 3 before you with rules revisions at that time.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I've connected the
- 5 dots in my head. Thank you.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Where are the fees
- 7 assessed? The seven cents, where is that written in the --
- 8 MS. ZYGMUNT: So Madam Chairwoman, the
- 9 process, as outlined, again we have the seven cents per ton
- 10 established in the rule. Per reporting requirements under
- 11 Chapter 24, two times per year they need to submit a report
- 12 to us that will tell us how many tons of carbon dioxide
- 13 they've injected. So once per year we will send them an
- 14 invoice just multiplying that per-ton fee times the number
- 15 of tons to come up with the assessed amount that they need
- 16 to pay for that calendar year.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So to change that fee,
- 18 then you come back before the Water and Waste Advisory
- 19 Board to go out.
- 20 MS. ZYGMUNT: Correct. It would be a rule
- 21 revision that we would bring before the Board, per our
- 22 normal procedure.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I have no further
- 25 comments, Madam Chair. Thank you.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I'm good.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Any more Board
- 3 questions? Discussions?
- 4 Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Let's see what to --
- 6 let's discuss what we want to move here.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm assuming you would
- 8 like to have us recommend that this go forward to EQC, with
- 9 the suggested changes that you have made and not
- 10 necessarily -- you'll look at the changes we suggested, but
- 11 some of them can't be done. So without the ones that would
- 12 affect the def -- or discussions of other rules.
- 13 I think Brian had some moving, and you have some
- 14 changes. So I'm assuming that's what you're looking from
- 15 us is a motion that would move this forward with the
- 16 changes as discussed to EQC.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: That is correct.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay. I move that
- 19 we approve this -- we approve Chapter 9 to be forwarded to
- 20 the Environmental Quality Council with the suggested
- 21 changes from this Board, as well as the additions to the
- 22 chapter as they may become necessary through new
- 23 legislation.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I would just
- 25 discuss our Board cannot approve, so I would just change

- the language you used to recommend. BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Fair enough. 2 3 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I would second. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Any further discussion? 5 I have a motion on the table. All in favor say aye. 6 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Aye. BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: Aye. 7 8 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Aye. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Aye. 9 10 Motion carries. Thank you. 11 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, next on the agenda would be about a 20-minute presentation from Lindsay 12 Patterson and David Waterstreet about Chapter 1. We can 13 continue on. Lindsay and David are joining virtually. We 14 15 can start that presentation now or we can take a break. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would like a 16 five-minute break, if we could. So we'll come back at 17
- 19 (Meeting proceedings recessed
- 20 10:08 a.m. to 10:17 a.m.)
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We're back on the
- 22 record. And Lindsay Patterson will be giving us a
- 23 presentation on Water Quality Rules Chapter 1. Thank you.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Go ahead and take it away,
- 25 Lindsay.

10:15.

- 1 MS. PATTERSON: Thanks. Good morning,
- 2 Madam Chairwoman, Member of the Board and everyone else in
- 3 attendance. I'm Lindsay Patterson, as they mentioned.
- 4 Hopefully you can hear me okay. Please let me know if you
- 5 cannot hear me. Okay. Speak louder?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: No. You're good.
- 7 MS. THOMPSON: You're good.
- 8 MS. PATTERSON: Okay. Sorry. Your thumbs
- 9 are small.
- 10 Yes, it's good to see many of you, familiar
- 11 faces, and I'm looking forward to talking to the Water
- 12 Quality Standards with you today and a bit more as time
- goes on. We just wanted to give you very high-level
- 14 overview of the Water Quality Standards. None of the
- 15 specifics yet. We're still in the process of developing
- 16 proposed revisions, so hopefully this will help set the
- 17 stage for our later conversations.
- 18 So at their most basic, the Surface Water Quality
- 19 Standards, they provide water quality protections for all
- 20 Surface waters of the state. So those are from our
- 21 smallest ephemeral streams, you know, up to our largest
- 22 rivers and reservoirs. So the primary ways that we use the
- 23 surface Water Quality Standards are to develop effluent
- 24 limits for point source discharges. Those are captured,
- 25 the rules in Chapter 2, for instance.

1 And then to develop best management practices for nonpoint sources of pollution. And we used standards to 2 determine attainment, whether the standards are being met or not. And in cases where the standards are being met, we 5 can use them for protecting our surface waters to make sure that they stay that way. And if the standards are not 6 7 being met, we can use them to -- for restoration planning. 8 So that would identify do we need to revise the effluent limits that we have for the existing point 9 10 sources? Do we need additional or new best management 11 practices? So those are the primary ways that we are using the standards. So like many of the other rules that you 12 13 guys are talking about that implement both federal and 14 state regulations, so the Environmental Quality Act, you 15 guys are well aware, lays out the Administrator will make recommendations to the Director, specifically related to 16 Water Quality Standards, the federal Clean Water Act and 17 18 implementing regulations for the Clean Water Act, those provide a lot of the framework for the Water Quality 19 Standards, sort of the essential elements. So when we 20 21 develop the standards, we're going to keep an eye towards 22 both the Environmental Quality Act and federal Clean Water 23 Act. 24 So the Clean Water Act lays out a couple of unique elements that are maybe a little different than the 25

- 1 other chapters that you see. So the Clean Water Act
- 2 requires that we review our Water Quality Standards at
- 3 least every three years. That's known as triennial review.
- 4 So we'll hear that word constantly when we talk about
- 5 revising Water Quality Standards, only to come to visit you
- 6 guys fairly frequently as we adhere to the requirements in
- 7 the Clean Water Act.
- 8 And the Clean Water Act also has an EPA approval
- 9 process associated with it, which does make it a little bit
- 10 different. The Clean Water Act lays out that states need
- 11 to submit their Water Quality Standards for EPA review, and
- 12 that the Clean -- the standards aren't effective for Clean
- 13 Water Act purposes until they're approved by EPA. And then
- 14 in circumstances is where the standards fail to meet the
- 15 requirements of the Clean Water Act, EPA can promulgate
- 16 standards for states.
- 17 So back to the framework provided by the Clean
- 18 Water Act and the implementing regulations essentially lay
- 19 out that the standard should include three main components.
- 20 Those are designated uses, water quality criteria, and
- 21 antidegradation provisions. And then implementing
- 22 regulations you also talk about the standards can include
- 23 implementation methods. So we'll walk through each of
- 24 these different components.
- 25 So the designated uses in the Water Quality

- 1 Standards are essentially what uses we have for the waters,
- what goals we establish, and they may not be goals that the
- 3 water body is currently achieving. And Clean Water Act use
- 4 this terminology of attainment, so they make -- these goals
- 5 may not currently be attained.
- 6 So in Wyoming, the way that our rules are
- 7 structured, we have the designated uses laid out across the
- 8 top of this table. Drinking water. We have a game fish
- 9 use that includes cold water and warm water subcategories.
- 10 We have a nongame fish use, a fish consumption use,
- 11 aquatic -- other aquatic life. We have recreational uses
- 12 to subcategories, primary contact and secondary contact,
- 13 wildlife, agriculture, industry, and scenic value uses. So
- 14 those are our designated uses in Wyoming.
- 15 And then we apply those designated uses to
- 16 surface waters using a classification system. So you can
- 17 see the classes down the left side of the table. So
- 18 there's 13 different classes in our Water Quality
- 19 Standards. And essentially you can identify which
- 20 designated uses apply to particular water bodies if you
- 21 know the classification. So if a water body is a 2AB, warm
- 22 water, you know, it's designated for drinking water, warm
- 23 water game fish, nongame fish, consumption, and so on. So
- 24 it's a good way to, you know, sort of structure the
- 25 standards so you don't have to list out all of these uses.

- 1 So the way that the standards lay out of how you
- 2 will identify which designated uses, which classifications
- 3 apply to particular water bodies is in the Wyoming Surface
- 4 Water Classification list. So it's a large document that's
- 5 outside of the Chapter 1 -- outside of the rule, that --
- 6 here's an example. You can see from the Belle Fourche
- 7 drainage, you can see that the Belle Fourche River is
- 8 designated as a 2AB warm water, so we know what uses are
- 9 assigned to that particular water body based on its
- 10 classification. And you can see some of the tributaries to
- 11 the Belle Fourche River, Owl Creek, Crow Creek, they're 3B
- 12 waters, so we know what designated uses apply to those
- 13 designated water bodies.
- 14 So the Water Quality Standards also lay out the
- 15 process for modifying designated uses and provide a process
- 16 for the administrator to add or remove uses or to change a
- 17 classification after taking public comment, and then also
- 18 after completing a use attainability analysis, which is
- 19 required under the Clean Water Act. Essentially,
- 20 scientific assessment of the factors that affect attainment
- 21 of uses. The Clean Water Act regulations lay out six
- 22 different factors that you can use to modify uses. And so
- 23 those are part of the UAA, use attainability analysis,
- 24 process.
- The regulations also lay out that at a minimum,

- 1 we have to protect existing uses on a water body. So if
- 2 there is aquatic life in a water body, it has to be
- 3 protected. That's just sort of as a minimum bar. And
- 4 other requirements that we have to take into consideration,
- 5 attainable uses.
- 6 And then just like the Water Quality Standards,
- 7 many changes to designated uses are submitted to EPA as a
- 8 revised Water Quality Standard. It's just that that
- 9 process can happen outside of the rulemaking process, and
- 10 you can make updates to that classification list outside of
- 11 the rulemaking process.
- 12 So now that we've covered very briefly designated
- 13 uses, we'll move on to water quality criteria. So water
- 14 criteria also specified in Chapter 1 are the concentrations
- 15 of pollutants or narrative statements that we have in the
- 16 standards that are directly assigned with the designated
- 17 uses. So we have these criteria that have to protect the
- 18 designated uses. In some cases, it's not going to be
- 19 appropriate for us to develop numeric criteria, like
- 20 concentrations of pollutants. We're going to use a more
- 21 general narrative for statements of things that might be
- 22 more challenging to derive a specific numeric threshold to
- 23 protect the use.
- 24 So similar to designated uses, water quality
- 25 criteria can also be modified, and that's laid out in

- 1 Chapter 1. And that process, similarly the Administrator
- 2 may make recommendations to the Council, but unlike
- 3 designated use changes, which can occur outside of the
- 4 rulemaking process, water quality criteria changes are made
- 5 through the rulemaking process. But similar to designated
- 6 use changes, they require the completion of a use
- 7 attainability analysis because the water quality criteria
- 8 and designated uses are so closely coupled they have to
- 9 basically mirror one another. So if you're modifying the
- 10 criteria you want to make sure that it's protective of an
- 11 attainable use.
- 12 So that's criteria. And so moving on to
- 13 antidegradation provisions. These are essentially the
- 14 provisions in the Water Quality Standards that are intended
- 15 to maintain and protect the water uses and water quality.
- 16 They do provide for a lower net water quality, but only in
- 17 certain circumstances. And these provisions are there to
- 18 help meet, you know, the requirements of the Clean Water
- 19 Act to restore and maintain water quality.
- 20 So there's three different tiers of
- 21 antidegradation that are laid out in the federal
- 22 regulations that are repeated in the Water Quality
- 23 Standards. So Tier 1 are existing use protections. Tier 2
- 24 are high-quality water protections. And then Tier 3 are
- 25 existing water quality protections. And I'll just explain

- 1 each of those in turn so, again, we have kind of that basic
- 2 understanding.
- 3 So the existing use protection -- some of this
- 4 can get a little confusing, existing uses, existing
- 5 quality, but hopefully this will make it clear. So
- 6 existing use protection, basically the Clean Water Act lays
- 7 out if a use exists on a water body or has existed since
- 8 November 28 of 1975, we need to maintain that use and the
- 9 level of water quality that's necessary to protect that
- 10 use.
- 11 And this is sometimes considered kind of the
- 12 floor of water quality protections, meaning that we can't
- 13 go below that. That's kind of the minimum bar. We always
- 14 have to protect that. And it applies to all waters
- 15 regardless of, you know, what designated uses there are or
- 16 what water quality criteria are applicable.
- 17 So the second Tier, the Tier 2, are high-quality
- 18 water protection. It's a little bit different. It is
- 19 specific to situations where the water quality is better
- 20 than the Water Quality Standards, and so the intention here
- 21 is to maintain that higher water quality except in
- 22 circumstances we've gone through, basically a process to
- 23 determine that lowering the water quality is going to be
- 24 beneficial, you know, for some economic or social
- 25 development as occurring in the area. So in that, water

- 1 quality is really necessary.
- So in Wyoming, we apply that to all waters that
- 3 are designated for drinking water and for fisheries. So
- 4 that's our Class 2 waters. States can do it differently.
- 5 They can apply it on a water-body-by-water-body basis.
- 6 They can do it on a parameter-by-parameter basis. But in
- 7 Wyoming we apply it to Class 2 waters. And so those water
- 8 bodies are going to require an additional level of review
- 9 before allowing new or increased sources of pollution.
- 10 So Tier 3 are existing quality protections. So
- 11 this, again, will layer on top of the existing use
- 12 protection. So existing quality protections are specific
- 13 to water quality that was present at the time the water
- 14 body was designated. So in Wyoming we apply these to our
- 15 Class 1 waters.
- 16 These are Class 1 waters, otherwise known as
- 17 outstanding aquatic resources in our policies. These
- 18 waters are specifically designated by the Environmental
- 19 Quality Council because they're, you know, something
- 20 special in the state. They want to have unique protections
- 21 applied to them and there's a number of levels of
- 22 protection that are applied in the Water Quality Standards
- 23 to make sure that we're maintaining the quality. So not
- 24 just the uses, we have to maintain the water quality at the
- 25 time it was designated.

- 1 So examples of these are things, like in Wyoming,
- 2 national park waters are all Class 1 waters. Wilderness
- 3 waters, as of 1999, those are all Class 1 waters, as are a
- 4 number of other water bodies in the state that were
- 5 specifically designated. I think the most recent
- 6 designation happened around 1990. So that's our Class 1
- 7 existing quality protections.
- 8 So now we've covered the three main components of
- 9 Water Quality Standards laid out in the Clean Water Act and
- 10 implementing regulations. The last component is
- 11 implementation methods, which our water quality standards
- 12 also include, but essentially these are the provisions that
- 13 affect the enforcement application, you know, execution of
- 14 surface Water Quality Standards.
- 15 So in our rules that includes things like how we
- 16 are enforcing the standards. We have sections on mixing
- zones, testing procedures, how we determine, you know,
- 18 flow, or developing effluent limits or looking at
- 19 evaluating the standards, credible data requirements,
- 20 something that comes over from the Environmental Quality
- 21 Act, discharges of specific variances, something that's
- 22 laid out until the federal regulations that we also provide
- 23 a mechanism in our Water Quality Standards to do these
- 24 time-limited modifications to the standards.
- 25 So that covers the main components of the Water

- 1 Quality Standards in the Clean Water Act and from the
- 2 Environmental Quality Act. In terms of where we are in the
- 3 rule revision process, we're currently determining kind of
- 4 a scope, and we're working on a draft. I think Jennifer
- 5 mentioned at the outset we're expecting the revisions to be
- 6 substantive, as you guys have been seeing with your images.
- 7 So we want to take our time, make sure, you know, we're
- 8 proposing what we feel are appropriate revisions at this
- 9 time to address comments that we've received through the
- 10 scoping process from the Attorney General's Office.
- 11 Once we have a solid draft we'll do, you know,
- 12 more internal review, make sure that the, you know, users
- 13 of the Water Quality Standards are comfortable with the
- 14 revisions that we're proposing, you know, make sure that we
- 15 haven't overlooked any potential implications of what we're
- 16 proposing. So we're looking forward to, you know, getting
- 17 additional feedback from other staff.
- 18 We will have an EPA consultation. As I
- 19 mentioned, EPA has a pretty critical role in the
- 20 development, adoption, and approval of Water Quality
- 21 Standards, so we'll involve them in the process as well.
- Once we have a proposed draft, we'll come back to
- 23 you guys at the advisory board for additional updates,
- 24 probably, on more specifics with what we're proposing to
- 25 change. And then at some point we will go through a formal

- 1 comment period and bring the proposed revisions before the
- 2 Board.
- 3 So that is where we are with Chapter 1. I'm
- 4 happy to answer any questions that you have.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Great. Thank you very much,
- 6 Lindsay.
- 7 Let me first ask, if I may, David Waterstreet,
- 8 whom you all know -- David, do you have any further
- 9 comments you'd like to provide to the Board at this time?
- 10 MR. WATERSTREET: Not really particularly.
- 11 The only thing I will comment on is the fact that you
- 12 really have received just a very high level, a lot of
- 13 generalities that is really the top level of our Water
- 14 Quality Rules and Regulations. We will be bringing this
- 15 back to you with much more detail, and we will make sure to
- 16 provide the opportunity for you to get a good understanding
- of the rule before we start making decisions. So we'll be
- 18 working with Jennifer on that.
- But in the meantime, we wanted to just begin your
- 20 thought process and just let you start to -- for those that
- 21 have been familiar with our water quality rules, we do this
- 22 on periodic basis. We wanted to give you a heads-up that
- 23 we are in development right now. And that's all I have,
- 24 Jennifer.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Thanks, David.

- 1 So great presentation, Lindsay. And, again,
- 2 there is a lot packed into this rule. It is a very
- 3 foundational rule for us. Decisions made in this rule
- 4 affect other programs, primarily the point source discharge
- 5 permitting program, WYPDES program. So, again, just an
- 6 opportunity to get these terms out there. Again, start
- 7 outlining the scope of what we'll be looking at before we
- 8 bring the revisions to you.
- 9 Lindsay, David and others have done some very
- 10 critical thinking and some very creative thinking on how do
- 11 we best develop and revise Chapter 1 to make it more useful
- 12 to ourselves and the public. So I'm excited to bring
- 13 before you once we work through internal process and we'll
- 14 continue with some 101, again, because there is so much of
- 15 this rule that affects decisions for the state.
- 16 Any questions for Lindsay or David or thoughts on
- 17 this chapter that we can answer for you now?
- 18 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Madam Chair. I just
- 19 have one question. Are there any new pollutants that you
- 20 guys are considering standards for?
- MS. PATTERSON: Yeah, that's a great
- 22 question. We are -- because of the substantive nature of
- 23 the changes, we're hoping to minimize the changes to the
- 24 water quality criteria at this time, at least based on our
- 25 initial discussions. So we want folks to be focused on

- 1 just, you know, the sort of content rather than the
- 2 potential implications. We're trying to minimize the
- 3 implications of the changes.
- 4 MR. WATERSTREET: And I'll just add, that's
- 5 our beginning point. So for context, EPA provides guidance
- 6 on values from time to time, and they have provided
- 7 guidance on some criteria. However, we take that very
- 8 seriously. We want to make sure we evaluate those very
- 9 thoroughly. And then like Lindsay just mentioned, we do
- 10 have some other substantive components of the rule that
- 11 we're really wanting to focus on at this time. However, as
- 12 we -- as we, Lindsay and myself, propose this up to
- 13 Jennifer, we will have further conversation on the timing
- 14 of the addressing any values that we have received as
- 15 guidance from EPA.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So I have a question.
- 17 If you find a stream that has been degraded since the last
- 18 triennial review -- hard to say that -- would you then make
- 19 changes to the designated uses, or would there be changes
- 20 to the use attainability analysis? Because that was all
- 21 fairly new three years ago, I think. The last time we did
- 22 this, I think, is when I first saw that use attainability
- 23 analysis, I think.
- 24 MS. ZYGMUNT: Sure. I'll take the first
- 25 stab at answering that, and I think Lindsay can add more.

- 1 We've had use attainability analysis for years and years
- 2 and years. It's kind of an evolving process in how we go
- 3 about determining those. They can be challenging. In
- 4 terms of if we monitor water body and decide that it's
- 5 impaired or degraded and is not meeting standards, it goes
- 6 on the 303(d) list, after which we then would pursue some
- 7 kind of watershed planning effort, total maximum daily
- 8 load, and then implement changes to point sources and
- 9 nonpoint sources to address that, but in some cases we
- 10 could consider site-specific criteria or looking at a UAA
- 11 to make sure that they're appropriate designated uses. But
- 12 Lindsay, help me out with the response there.
- MS. PATTERSON: Sure. Yeah, are you
- 14 talking, Lorie, about -- I'm sorry, Madam Chairwoman,
- 15 apologies -- situations where water body may have changed
- 16 since the uses were changed or --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, if -- you know,
- 18 if you find a stream or a water body is becoming degraded
- 19 by the uses that have been designated for it, what's the
- 20 process for going about getting that changed if that -- is
- 21 that going to be part of this triennial review or --
- 22 MS. PATTERSON: Yes. So we're required to
- 23 review all the Water Quality Standards every three years.
- 24 So when we solicit public comment, we open it up so that
- 25 people can provide information. We wouldn't want to modify

- 1 the designated uses if a water body just had become
- 2 degraded, you know, we would want to maintain the uses,
- 3 whatever is attainable as part of the standards. So like
- 4 Jennifer mentioned, if a water body is just degraded from a
- 5 point source to nonpoint source, that's something we would
- 6 want to address through our integrated report process,
- 7 develop some kind of restoration plan for the water body.
- 8 If through some other information you determine that the
- 9 uses needed to be modified because of, you know, maybe it's
- 10 hydrologically modified or, you know, something that
- 11 prevents the water body from attaining the uses, that's
- 12 where we would go in and modify the uses through the Water
- 13 Quality Standards.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And how -- I'm not sure
- 15 how to word this question. How much enforcement, like
- 16 checking up on water bodies or enforcement, or is it more
- 17 based on -- on -- let's see. Do you have a set number of
- 18 streams or water bodies that you would go to to check, or
- 19 do you rely on somebody providing information to you that
- there's a problem?
- 21 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes, Madam Chairwoman.
- 22 That's a great question. And that could probably be a
- 23 whole separate presentation that David can have his staff
- 24 put together in our surface water monitoring program. In
- 25 summary, though, they do some random probabilistic surveys

- 1 to kind of get a high-level sense of what's going on in the
- 2 basin, and then we also do targeted studies to assess water
- 3 bodies and whether or not they're meeting their uses.
- 4 Those assessments are, you know, pretty in-depth
- 5 studies, but then we also consider data collected by other
- 6 entities around the state. Conservation districts may
- 7 collect data. USGS, we look at their monitoring data. So
- 8 that's a great question.
- 9 And we, as a part of the 101 that we provide you
- 10 on Chapter 1, we can have Jeremy Zumberge speak. He's our
- 11 surface water monitoring program manager and might be able
- 12 to give you better review about how we look at the state
- 13 and do these assessments.
- David, feel free to add anything here if you'd
- 15 like to.
- 16 MR. WATERSTREET: Just two minor points
- 17 that I'll add. And in addition to what Jennifer mentioned,
- 18 we do also have compliance and enforcement permitting
- 19 program that also guides us in the condition of any
- 20 particular stream. And then, yes, we do also take
- 21 complaint calls. They're probably -- we probably get, I
- don't know, one or two a month during the warmer season.
- 23 Sometimes they pick up, sometimes they slow down, but they
- 24 also inform us how to proceed with monitoring streams.
- 25 They don't directly correlate with our development of Water

- 1 Quality Standards. All of this information can help inform
- 2 us as to the condition of our waters, which in --
- 3 adjacently, it also helps Lindsay, when she's preparing her
- 4 water quality rules and regulation.
- 5 However, we do have a lot of waters that are
- 6 being monitored on an annual basis through a number of
- 7 programs and number of stakeholders.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So, for example, if you
- 9 know, a place where people are going, a pond where people
- 10 go in the summer to bathe, swim, play with the kids, or
- 11 whatever, got overlooked as a place that was for contact,
- 12 and, you know, is full of livestock or something, what
- would be the process for getting that re-looked at as a
- 14 contact?
- 15 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah, I think if there's a
- 16 water body where the public has concerns, particularly in
- 17 that example, for public health from recreation exposure.
- 18 You know, one step is contact us, and we can look to see if
- 19 we have any data, and, you know, discuss the situation and
- 20 see if we have monitoring staff that we can go out to
- 21 collect some data, or that is where, for example, the
- 22 conservation districts often fill that role within a local
- 23 area. Conservation districts have very active and
- 24 monitoring for recreation use within their boundaries, and
- 25 it could be a situation where the conservation district

- 1 provides some help to better assess whether there is a
- 2 public health risk.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, I've
- 5 got a question.
- 6 Will there be -- Lindsay, this is Brian Deurloo.
- 7 Will there be any -- as you go through this assessment, are
- 8 we going to look at trash in streams, stuff like that? I
- 9 mean, we look at -- we look at selenium and sediment and so
- 10 forth, but oftentimes trash is overlooked. Crow Creek is a
- 11 perfect example. Killpecker Creek down in Sweetwater
- 12 County. Would we be looking at that or not?
- MS. PATTERSON: Yeah, we currently have
- 14 narrative water quality criteria that address solid waste
- in our surface waters. So, yeah, we'll be looking at all
- 16 of the narrative and numeric criteria that apply as part of
- 17 the revision.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Good. Thank you.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Any further questions?
- 20 Otherwise, just know that we'll continue on with this 101
- 21 effort so that when we do provide a draft rule before you,
- 22 it should facilitate the review and understanding of what
- 23 we're trying to accomplish.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 25 MS. ZYGMUNT: All right. Thanks, David and

- 1 Lindsay.
- MR. WATERSTREET: Thank you, everybody.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 4 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, are we good
- 6 to continue on?
- 7 Okay. I will bring up additional staff, and
- 8 we'll move on to the final business item of the day, which
- 9 is Chapter 12.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: While staff is coming
- 11 up here, I believe I -- my question about whistleblower was
- 12 probably misspoken. It was brought to my attention
- 13 whistleblower, I wasn't using it in the right context.
- 14 It's probably more for situation of some -- if somebody is
- 15 doing something illegal and so it's -- I certainly don't
- 16 mean at all to imply that anybody's doing anything illegal
- 17 or there's a whistleblower. So I apologize. I don't think
- 18 I understood the -- what a whistleblower really is. So my
- 19 apologies. We can ignore --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you for the
- 21 clarification.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Squeaky wheel,
- 23 maybe?
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, more squeaky
- 25 wheel than whistleblower.

- 1 MS. ZYGMUNT: Great. Thank you for the
- 2 clarification.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I apologize for that
- 4 misunderstanding on my part, so...
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you. And again, we're
- 6 committed to having discussions with any of you guys, so
- 7 please, please reach out if we can be of help.
- 8 Oh, Madam Chairwoman, we could use about a
- 9 five-minute break, if folks need to use the bathroom and
- 10 get some water, and that way we can switch screens to the
- 11 different presentation.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. We'll convene at
- 13 five minutes to 11:00.
- 14 (Meeting proceedings recessed
- 10:48 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.)
- 16 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, are you
- 17 ready to proceed?
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 19 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. So as the last
- 20 business item of the day the Chapter 12, second
- 21 presentation to you following our December meeting. Based
- 22 on the recommendation of the Board in December, it was
- 23 requested that we extend the public comment for this rule,
- 24 which we did, extending the comment opportunity through
- 25 February 14th.

- 1 So without me giving a further overview, I'm just
- 2 going to turn it over to Keenan, who has put together a
- 3 very good presentation, to walk us through the highlights.
- 4 My recommendation is that we let Keenan get through the
- 5 presentation and then circle back to specific questions,
- 6 chiming in any public comment so that folks can get on with
- 7 their day.
- 8 Keenan and his team, which, again, I want to
- 9 introduce Anthony Rivers as part of that team. I think
- 10 he's done a fantastic job of responding to all the public
- 11 comments that we received, including during the initial
- 12 outreach and then the extended comment period as well. So
- 13 he'll walk you through the comments and responses and any
- 14 further revisions made to the rule based on those
- 15 discussions.
- So take it away, Keenan.
- 17 MR. HENDON: All right. Thank you,
- 18 Jennifer. I'm Keenan Hendon, Water/Wastewater Section
- 19 Manager for DEQ.
- 20 We're here today to provide an overview of
- 21 Chapter 12, how we got here, and a little overview with
- 22 regards to this presentation. I want to provide an update
- 23 on staff activities since the December WWAB meeting,
- 24 provide a recap of the December WWAB meeting, more
- 25 information on the 10 States Standards and the Great Lakes

- 1 Upper Mississippi River Board, also Chapter 12 development,
- 2 what's taken place over the past roughly 10 years to get us
- 3 to this place right now with our current document. And
- 4 then provide a review of comments that we receive during
- 5 this first December WWAB meeting, as well as public
- 6 comments we received from the extended comment period there
- 7 through February 15th.
- 8 After that, we're going to work our way through
- 9 Chapter 12, the reason why we're here today. Go through
- 10 Sections 1 through 9, which we did get through December
- 11 WWAB meeting. And then we'll go through section by section
- 12 with regards to Sections 10 through 19, which we didn't get
- 13 through at the meeting.
- 14 So with that, we'll get started here.
- 15 Is there to -- oh, there we go.
- 16 All right. December meeting. We were able to
- 17 get through Sections 1 through 9 during that meeting.
- 18 There's two topics I think that were identified that we
- 19 needed to provide a little more detail on. One of those
- 20 was the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board 10 State
- 21 Standards or the 2018 Recommended Standards for Water
- 22 Works, commonly known, I quess, probably in the industry
- 23 with regards to the standards, or the 10 States Standard.
- 24 We're referencing it within our document as the 2018 TSS.
- 25 And on the other item that we needed to review or

- 1 provide a little more clarity on was the timeline or how we
- 2 get here today.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: What's CH12D?
- 4 MR. HENDON: Chapter 12 development.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: All right.
- 6 MR. HENDON: Thanks for the easy question.
- 7 So GLUMRB, GLUMRB is the abbreviation for Great Lakes Upper
- 8 Mississippi River Board. We did have a couple of questions
- 9 from the WWAB board with regards to participating in the
- 10 Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board, and understand
- 11 there's a process. Unfortunately, it is only open to the
- 12 Upper Mississippi River basin -- or Upper Miss -- or, yeah,
- 13 basin states.
- We can participate in rulemaking and rulemaking
- 15 process. We can participate in that process as we see fit.
- 16 When they conduct that rulemaking process, they do that
- 17 approximately every five to seven years.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: You can or you cannot.
- MR. HENDON: We can.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can.
- 21 MR. HENDON: Can, c-a-n. They do allow
- 22 folks to participate in that rulemaking process.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Because we are part
- 24 of the Upper Mississippi watershed anyway.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.

BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Go ahead. Carry on. 1 MR. HENDON: Sounds good. Sounds good. 2 3 There's close to 40 states that participate -- or 4 utilize the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi Board Standards. 5 Numerous towns, special districts, cities, surrounding states, Montana, Idaho, Dakotas. The 10 states that 6 comprise GLUMRB, include New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, 7 8 Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. It also includes the province of Ontario, 9 10 Canada. 11 The existing Chapter 12 was based off the 1982 standards. And the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River 12 13 Board, they also develop wastewater facilities standards as well. So should we update Chapter 11, we'll likely see 14 15 that document and identity again for incorporation by reference. 16 If you're looking for the document, this is 17 18 essentially what you're going to see when you're reading the recommended standards for the Great Lakes upper 19 Mississippi River Board. The document is housed at the 20 21 state of Minnesota. I'm not sure if they drew the short 22 straw or winning straw or how they got selected, but if you go to their website, this is what you're going to see with 23 24 regards to how they refer to themselves as and calling them

the 10 State Standards, GLUMRB.

- 1 If you want to purchase a copy of the Great Lakes
- 2 Upper Mississippi River Board standards, it's available for
- 3 19.99 for a hard copy. Digital copy is 13.99. And also
- 4 that same -- same digital copy is located on our website
- 5 for free. So there's a PDF searchable version available on
- 6 our website.
- 7 So going through the Chapter 12 timeline. Back
- 8 in 2013, we decided it was time to start taking a look at
- 9 our -- perhaps previous to that too, I'm not sure. But in
- 10 working with Gina, who's got -- she's been through the
- 11 process from start to finish with regards to 2013 through
- 12 today, outreach was originally started back in 2013 to get
- 13 comments from public with regards to Chapter 12. Later on
- 14 in 2013, the governor, as well as Wyoming DEQ, decided to
- 15 reduce Chapter 12 size through the incorporation by
- 16 reference.
- 17 Work was started by staff. There was numerous --
- 18 in 2016 we started having working sessions. District
- 19 engineers would have working sessions either in Lander,
- 20 Casper, Cheyenne. Staff would travel -- in pre-COVID days
- 21 where staff could travel and meet in-person and have a good
- 22 working session.
- 23 In 2017, rules were paused due to a number of
- 24 staffing issues with the water and wastewater section. But
- 25 a little bit later on in 2017, district

- 1 engineer started more working sessions. In total, they
- 2 started in February of 2016, wrapped up in 2019. So,
- 3 again, this included all the district engineers as well as
- 4 staff from the water/wastewater section, as well as Gina
- 5 and perhaps others.
- 6 So there were a total of 19 working sessions with
- 7 staff in order to take their comments, experiences and put
- 8 it into the chapter that's before you today.
- 9 Excuse me. Taking a drink.
- In 2019, the WWAB reviewed the acidization rules
- 11 for wells with regards to Chapter 12 and recommended that
- 12 portion of the rules proceed to the EQC. In 2019 -- or
- 2020, February of 2020, the AG had the opportunity to
- 14 review Chapter 12 and provide significant edits to Chapter
- 15 12.
- 16 Subsequently with the public comment and outreach
- 17 period heading into the EQC meeting in May, the chapter was
- 18 pulled due to the number of public comments that we
- 19 received at that time.
- 20 So what did we do? We decided to have some
- 21 public comment outreach with those folks.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you go back to that
- 23 last slide?
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thanks.

- 1 MR. HENDON: So after Chapter 12 being
- 2 pulled in May and October, there was some public comment
- 3 and outreach period. Meetings were held with Weston
- 4 Engineering, Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems.
- 5 Heading into September and October of 2021, the
- 6 Attorney General and district engineer had the opportunity
- 7 to conduct final reviews on chapter.
- 8 Heading into the December WWAB meeting, the
- 9 public comment period was opened in November --
- 10 November 5th, I believe, of 2021. We then held our
- 11 December WWAB meeting on December 15th. Determined to
- 12 extend the comment period -- comment period was extended to
- 13 February 15th. Essentially the comment period's been open
- 14 for 101 days with regards to Chapter 12, about three times
- 15 your normal comment period for heading into a WWAB meeting.
- 16 I just wanted to provide a general timeline,
- 17 summary of staff activities with regards to the rulemaking,
- 18 district engineering involvement, staff involvement,
- 19 outreach to the public. We'll cover more outreach to
- 20 commenters going forward with regards to commenters for the
- 21 December meeting as well as the February meeting -- or this
- 22 March meeting. My apologies.
- So, again, there were some kind of questions,
- 24 comments, direction given at the December WWAB meeting.
- 25 One of those was, again, can we participate. The answer

- 1 that we got back to us was no, based on that reason.
- 2 However, we can participate in the rulemaking process,
- 3 participate in the committees, so forth.
- 4 We do have the 2018 Recommended Standards for
- 5 Water Works located on our website for free. It's the same
- 6 digital version that's available for purchase. So we were
- 7 able to work with Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board
- 8 folks on getting that to our website.
- 9 There was kind of numerous comments with regard
- 10 to can we introduce the incorporation by reference much
- 11 earlier on in the document. So Section 4 has been revised
- 12 and introduces the incorporation by reference and
- 13 subsequent documents.
- 14 There was a question with regards to total
- 15 elevation that is unclear on the engineering design report
- 16 in Section 8 (e), (ix). So that passage has been revised
- 17 to provide a total depth of the drilled borehole. We work
- 18 with our groundwater folks, as well as district engineer
- 19 folks to make sure that we have proper terminology with
- 20 regard to calling out industry terms.
- 21 And then in December, we're thankful for Board
- 22 Member Cahn and Gina Thompson. They had a couple working
- 23 sessions to go through editorial comments with regards to
- 24 the chapter. Hopefully that can aid us all today as we go
- 25 through Chapter 12.

- 1 As we move forward, following the WWAB meeting we
- 2 kind of regrouped internally, wanted to reach out to each
- 3 of the commenters that provided us comments. Kind of have
- 4 a working session more or less with these commenters, make
- 5 sure we understood the intent of questions and their
- 6 comments that they were providing and make sure that
- 7 essentially we were on the same page and understood one
- 8 another.
- 9 So this was done, again for both sets of comments
- 10 for the December meeting, as well as folks from the --
- 11 submitting for the March meeting here today.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: To all commenters or
- 13 just some of them?
- MR. HENDON: We reached out to all of them.
- There we go. Dang technology.
- So, again, we re-reviewed the comments. We did
- 17 reach out to the commenters. Commenters were contacted
- 18 initially via email, provided them with a copy of their
- 19 comments as well as response to comments.
- 20 We also had a request in there to coordinate a
- 21 meeting or phone call with us to go over their comments and
- 22 get those reviewed. We reached out to Darwin Dick with
- 23 Tetra Tech, Jason Palmer, Andy Hooten, Brian Sepe with the
- 24 City of Green River, Dayton Alsaker and Jeff Rosenlund with
- 25 DOWL Engineering.

- 1 THE REPORTER: You're going to have to slow
- 2 down.
- 3 MR. HENDON: I got to slow down?
- 4 THE REPORTER: Yes.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you go over that
- 6 list again?
- 7 MR. HENDON: Sure. We'll start at the
- 8 beginning. Darwin Dick, Tetra Tech; Jason Palmer, Andy
- 9 Hooten, Brian Sepe with the City of Green River; Dayton
- 10 Alsaker and Jeff Rosenlund, DOWL Engineering; Dave Engels,
- 11 American Council of Engineering Companies of Wyoming;
- 12 Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities; EPA Region 8; Wyoming
- 13 Association of Rural Water Supplies.
- 14 Two commenters responded back to us either in
- 15 email or over a phone call that basically said they
- 16 understood our responses, had no further comments.
- 17 Four commenters took us up on our offer to have a
- 18 meeting and a review session. This included EPA, BOPU,
- 19 Andy Hooten with the City of Green River, and Wyoming
- 20 Association of Rural Water Supply.
- 21 Not wanting to get less than a hundred percent,
- 22 we conducted further outreach with calls and emails to
- 23 track down the outstanding four commenters, and so we were
- 24 able to get meetings coordinated with Jason Palmer and
- 25 Brian Sepe, with the City of Green River. And then we were

- 1 able to have phone call conversations with Dayton Alsaker
- 2 and Jeff Rosenlund.
- 3 And just as a matter of course, these meetings
- 4 were more than one session, just to make sure that we were
- 5 getting their feedback with understanding them and them
- 6 understanding us, and then kind of going back to the
- 7 drawing board and meeting again to further vet out their
- 8 concerns and our responses.
- 9 Through a phone call with Dave Engels, it was
- 10 recommended that we schedule a kind of a Zoom meeting or
- 11 info session to the Wyoming Engineering Society's annual
- 12 meeting in February. So we reached out to the Wyoming
- 13 Engineering Society to see if we can do this.
- 14 Unfortunately their schedule -- their dance card was full.
- 15 However, we were able to schedule a meeting on
- 16 January 27th. We reached out to the Engineering Society.
- 17 They sent out information on our meeting to their members.
- 18 Reached out to the Wyoming Association of Municipalities to
- 19 provide the meeting information to their members. Reached
- out to WARWS, provide the information to their members.
- 21 And we also sent it out through our listserv available to
- 22 us through the state government. And that listserv would
- 23 likely contain all the operators, cities, towns, and
- 24 engineers that opt into that listserv notification system.
- 25 Based on that Chapter 12 outreach, we then held a

- 1 follow-up Q&A session on February 1st with the folks that
- 2 wanted to participate. It was a good session. It allowed
- 3 people to -- we wanted it to be a week later to allow
- 4 people to read, review the documents if they didn't have
- 5 them, and then formulate their comments and responses
- 6 heading into the February 15th comment deadline.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: How many people
- 8 participated in that?
- 9 MR. HENDON: I want to say we had six
- 10 entities show up. A number of folks from WARWS and a
- 11 handful of cities and towns.
- So after the December WWAB meeting, the comment
- 13 period was extended through February 15th. We received
- 14 comments or submissions from five -- we received five
- 15 submissions. Four were comments with regard to Chapter 12.
- 16 One was an errant comment with concerns on their water
- 17 quality that they were receiving out of the tap. We
- 18 provided that individual with direction on where they
- 19 needed to go to get that addressed. But the remaining four
- 20 commenters provided us with a list of comments or pages of
- 21 comments to look through and address, provide responses to.
- 22 Craig Barsness with Shoshone Municipal Pipeline
- 23 had one comment. His comment was concerns with 24 mesh
- 24 elevated tanks. And then, again, the remaining three
- 25 commenters provided us with a variety of comments on

- 1 different sections.
- 2 Meetings were held in person or via Zoom. We had
- 3 a good discussion. We had a good review. We had a good
- 4 understanding of one another. Overall, it went well.
- 5 So as we go forward, it might be helpful to pull
- 6 out your green version Chapter 12. I believe at the
- 7 beginning of the meeting Gina kind of handed out this
- 8 addendum to comments as well. There's a number of comments
- 9 that, unfortunately, the February outreach we didn't get
- 10 all the comments addressed prior to getting your board
- 11 packets and materials prepared for you today. So the
- 12 addendum kind of covers those outstanding comments that we
- 13 were unable to get addressed.
- 14 And if you want to follow along with regards to
- 15 DEQ's response or analysis to comments, that might be
- 16 helpful or handy as well. Up to you.
- 17 MS. ZYGMUNT: But -- just to add to that.
- 18 So we do recommend that -- so that we're all working off
- 19 the same version, that we have focus on Chapter 12 changes
- 20 since 11/5/21. We're also referring to that as the green
- 21 strike and underline version. So I think it would helpful
- 22 if we all speak from that version, as we have specifics.
- 23 MS. THOMPSON: You're going to call up that
- 24 version?
- MR. HENDON: No.

- 1 MS. THOMPSON: No?
- MR. HENDON: I think we can pull that up
- 3 later on, when we -- should we have discussion afterwards.
- 4 MS. THOMPSON: I would note --
- 5 MR. HENDON: Because in this presentation
- 6 slides, I do have the information available to read off the
- 7 slides, which should you want additional context or
- 8 clarity, is the reason why I referenced the Chapter 12 as
- 9 well as the addendum to comments.
- 10 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. So I'm getting some
- 11 chats that there a lag. Somehow the slides are not moving
- 12 along when you're changing.
- MR. HENDON: So give a pause?
- MS. THOMPSON: I'm not sure why they're not
- 15 moving. Like I can see them move, but I can't see them
- 16 move on -- from the Zoom. So just be aware, folks, that
- 17 Keenan's reading from the slides, and we'll have them
- 18 available at the end, and we will continue to trouble
- 19 shoot, but we do have that information. We will have that
- 20 information available.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Is it possible to email
- 22 those slides to the people if they indicate in the chat
- 23 that they want to see the slides, so that they can go
- 24 along? I've had this problem with Zoom before, where it
- 25 doesn't -- it goes back to the head -- to the header slide

- and doesn't move forward for everybody else, even though it
- 2 moves forward in the room.
- MS. THOMPSON: Keenan, if I send that can I
- 4 link so they can look, is that possible?
- 5 MR. HENDON: Uh-huh.
- 6 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
- 7 MR. HENDON: That's probably the best way
- 8 to do it.
- 9 MS. THOMPSON: Thank you.
- 10 MR. HENDON: So pause for a moment or two
- 11 for technology. We'll post a to link the comment section.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Whoa.
- 13 MR. HENDON: We'll extend it for camera
- 14 troubleshooting.
- 15 (Off-the-record discussion.)
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Let's go ahead.
- MR. HENDON: Go ahead.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- MR. HENDON: Okay. As we move forward, I
- 20 just want to bring your attention to the slide layout in
- 21 regards to our chapters -- Chapter 12, our sections that
- 22 we're going to be looking at.
- 23 At the top of each slide we're going to cover the
- 24 original information that was presented with the change to
- each section as presented to the board in December.

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- 1 The bottom portion of the slides are going to
- 2 cover any changes that occurred after the December meeting.
- 3 Looking to only cover and provide information with regards
- 4 to changes -- significant changes in wording or technical
- 5 content.
- 6 Hopefully this can aid in the presentation of
- 7 information, maximize the use of everyone's time here
- 8 today.
- 9 So, again, these were the Sections 1 through 9
- 10 that we were able to get through at the WWAB meeting in
- 11 December. I'm sure there's questions did you guys make any
- 12 changes post that December WWAB meeting? The answer to
- 13 that question is yes.
- And so Sections 1 through 3, there were no
- 15 changes.
- 16 Section 4, we updated to outline incorporation by
- 17 reference earlier on in the document.
- 18 Section 5, there was a comment from a commenter
- 19 as well as Madam Chair with regard to mechanically driven
- 20 drives, changing to mechanical drives.
- 21 Comment 5(z), this has an asterisk on it, which
- 22 is a good time to outline that any time you see an
- 23 asterisk, that's a comment we were unable to address in
- 24 your materials that were submitted to you by the March 2nd
- 25 deadline for your board materials, and so that asterisk is

- 1 just bringing your attention to a passage that we're going
- 2 to call out and explain to you a little further today.
- 3 Essentially this section the commenter wanted to
- 4 provide definitions for each service section type. Section
- 5 16 of the -- of Chapter 12 provides information with
- 6 regards to connection types that we will refer the
- 7 commenter to.
- 8 Section 6, 6(b), this one has an asterisk with it
- 9 as well. It was reorganized due to a formatting issue and
- 10 punctuation.
- 11 Section 7, based on some comments, we revised it
- 12 to more clearly describe the two permit process.
- 13 Section 8, couple of wordsmithing changes with
- 14 regard to 8(c)(i) as well as 8(e). On 8(e), the question
- 15 was with regards to the design report with regards to well
- 16 drawings. Typically you're going to see plans in well
- drawings, not a profile for a well.
- 18 Section 9, 9(a), we reorganized for formatting,
- 19 corrected a couple of references.
- 9(g)(ii), we cleared up that passage that was
- 21 concerned with regards to having -- having the requirement
- 22 of audio narration with the video log. That portion has
- 23 been taken out. So it's just a video log of the well
- 24 inspection accompanied by a written description.
- 25 The next one -- ah, the next one, there was

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- 1 concern should the system in the engineer -- or in the
- 2 hydraulic model not have fire flow data or fire flow
- 3 protection, so we modified that section to provide an
- 4 off-ramp so that it's calibrated based on existing fire
- 5 hydrant test flow data, when available, or it can be based
- 6 on modeling.
- 7 Sections 10 through 19. 10 sections left to go.
- 8 We've overall organized these sections for continuity,
- 9 consolidating similar passages in conformity. Sections
- 10 have been corrected to address grammar, spelling issues,
- 11 remove requirements not within the statutory authority.
- 12 And, again, we're looking to provide you information with
- 13 regards to significant changes to passage or changes in
- 14 technical content.
- We did receive a number of comments with regards
- 16 to does my facility need to come into compliance with this
- 17 new chapter? The answer to that question is no. They
- 18 remain permitted under their original permit.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Unless they make
- 20 modifications.
- MR. HENDON: Unless they make a
- 22 modification, then they will need to come into compliance
- 23 with new regulations.
- So, again, this is Section 10, the top of the
- 25 slide has the information with regards to Section 10 that

- 1 was modified and changed at the December meeting. We
- 2 received several comments on this section, four comments
- 3 resulted in the change. One of those comments was with
- 4 regards to adopting NSF/ANSI 61 for coatings. This is an
- 5 adoption that's referenced going to be commonly seen going
- 6 forward within the chapter. NSF stands for the National
- 7 Science Foundation, provides regulatory standards on
- 8 products or systems. 61 is specifically for drinking water
- 9 system components.
- 10 The remaining three comments were through
- 11 conversations with EPA, and essentially ensuring that new
- 12 systems are designed and built to requirements of the
- 13 primacy agency conducting enforcement.
- 14 Several commenters provided us with comments to
- 15 ensure that DEQ and EPA are on the same page with regards
- 16 to design and enforcement requirements.
- 17 As we go forward in Section 11, 12, 15 and 16,
- 18 those are the sections where we probably have the most
- 19 content to cover, or the most comments from commenters.
- 20 Section 11 we had 29 comments that --
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'd like to mention, I
- 22 think NSF is National Sanitation Foundation and not
- 23 National Science Foundation.
- MR. HENDON: Okay.
- 25 MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll double-check that.

- 1 MR. HENDON: Okay. 16 of the 29 comments
- 2 we received resulted in a change. Number of the changes on
- 3 the slide provide for better clarify after discussions with
- 4 EPA as well as Weston Engineering. The section we're
- 5 covering is source development. We received two comments
- 6 that were not addressed prior to sending up to DEQ analysis
- 7 of comments, back in the comment on our addendum with you
- 8 here today.
- 9 One of those comments was with regard to pump
- 10 tests and providing a definition of a stabilized drawdown.
- 11 That definition's now been provided as item in Section
- 12 5 (aa).
- 13 We received another comment with regard to
- 14 10 feet of either surface casing or a well with no surface
- 15 casing, wanted to know where that kind of came from and
- 16 that requirement. It's an existing requirement in their
- 17 existing Chapter 12. In looking at surrounding states,
- 18 consulting with their groundwater folks as well as district
- 19 engineers, it's a standard of practice that takes place
- 20 many other states with regards to how they construct wells.
- 21 10 feet provides for some bore and well stability, as well
- 22 as frost and freezing protection in the various areas
- 23 across our state.
- 24 Comments on this slide through discussions with
- 25 EPA, Nelson Engineering, Weston Engineering. Again, you're

- 1 going to see a comment with regards to the NSF61 material
- 2 addressing concrete aprons. Concrete aprons at one time
- were required by EPA, no longer required by EPA. So up to
- 4 the designer on how they want to finish off the top of that
- 5 wellhead. Should they use concrete, we'll now reference
- 6 that as concrete surface or concrete wall. And we also
- 7 provide an identified minimum requirements for spring
- 8 setback distances, as well as spring wall thicknesses.
- 9 Two comments that were not addressed prior to
- 10 sending our analysis of comments happened to be with the
- 11 providing -- or setting the casing 10 feet minimum into the
- 12 target aquifer.
- 13 Upon review and working with the commenter, we
- 14 modified the section to align with SEO so that we're on the
- 15 same page with regards to well design standards between our
- 16 two agencies.
- 17 The additional comment that we worked on was with
- 18 regards to Section 11(f)(i)(A). There was a question with
- 19 regards to can various springs be developed? The answer to
- 20 that question is yes, those springs can be developed, and
- 21 upon further review the 3-foot requirement was deemed not
- 22 to be required, so that section was removed.
- 23 Frost and freezing requirements are covered in
- 24 the spring development section later on.
- 25 Section 12, which is Treatment. We're on the

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- 1 first slide for those following along. We received 36
- 2 comments for this section. 14 comments resulted in a
- 3 change. A number of the changes on the slide provide for
- 4 better clarity after discussions with EPA, Weston
- 5 Engineering, Tetra Tech, City of Green River, or BOPU.
- 6 Just want to bring your attention, a number of
- 7 those entities all have either large treatment systems or
- 8 they do engineering work on treatment systems.
- 9 Section 12 added a number of different treatment
- 10 options for ozone, ultraviolet, membranes, and media. And
- 11 we leveraged the expertise and guidance from EPA in regards
- 12 to our UV recommendations. Again, wanted to be on the same
- 13 page with regards to design requirements and enforcement
- 14 requirements.
- 15 Moving on to the second slide for Section 12.
- 16 These changes were made after discussions with EPA, Weston
- 17 Engineering, City of Green River, and BOPU. Again, a
- 18 number of these items presented are to ensure that the --
- 19 we're meeting -- we're providing design standards that are
- 20 in alignment with enforcement requirements.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: What's red water
- 22 waste? Is that just iron?
- 23 MR. HENDON: That's just iron and manganese
- 24 waste. We had a good conversation with Brian Sepe, the
- 25 City of Green River, with regards to iron and manganese

- 1 waste after treatment and how to get that resolved. We've
- 2 incorporated some sections of the 2018 TSS, as well as
- 3 re-aligned and formatted Chapter 12 with regards to that
- 4 portion, as well as -- we kind of reorganized that section
- 5 with lime as well as alum and then red waste.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 7 MR. HENDON: All right. Section 13 is a
- 8 toughy. I think we're all thankful for the break, perhaps.
- 9 But no questions or comments were provided for Section 13
- 10 on Chemical Application.
- 11 Section 14 is Pumping Facilities. We received
- 12 six comments. Three comments resulted in a change, and
- 13 essentially we're now requiring a surge analysis to
- 14 identify if any surge protection devices are necessary.
- 15 14(i)(i) is, again, to ensure that the design is
- 16 meeting EPA requirements should they get inspected.
- 17 And then 14(i)(ii) was a clarification to ensure
- 18 that the suction lines have similar operating conditions.
- 19 Section 15 is finished water storage. The first
- 20 two comments essentially addressed tank turnover, as well
- 21 as water age issues. We've kind of revised and provided an
- off-ramp with regard to 15(c)(ii), which is now 15(e). The
- 23 original language just stated a minimum inlet velocity of
- 24 10 feet per second. We revised that to include unless
- 25 demonstration of employed mixing or lower inlet velocity

- 1 addresses water age issues.
- 2 15(c)(iii), again, is another tank turnover water
- 3 age issue, specifically with smaller systems that have a
- 4 large supply.
- 5 15(f)(i)(ii)(b), we've reorganized those passages
- 6 with regard to overflows and vent mesh requirements.
- 7 Number of comments we received did cover vents and concerns
- 8 with regard to 24 mesh. So we wanted to cover that a
- 9 little bit more with you today.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Keenan, does that
- 11 seem to be a pretty big issue at this time?
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: As small as the size
- of a mouse or something, right?
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: As small --
- 17 MR. HENDON: That concern -- yes, the --
- 18 it's a very small fly EPA is concerned getting into the
- 19 supply of the system.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's a tropical fly.
- 22 Doesn't live in Wyoming. Hasn't been seen here yet.
- 23 MR. HENDON: And we do have the information
- 24 here. We'll cover that here in just a second, thank you,
- 25 with regards to EPA guidance on screen mesh.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Got it.
- MR. HENDON: And it started --
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm having a hard time
- 4 finding the slides for those sections. Maybe they got
- 5 renumbered. The slide before.
- 6 MR. HENDON: Okay.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So 15(c)(ii). So it
- 8 was --
- 9 MR. HENDON: Is now 15(e). Or do I got it
- 10 wrong?
- 11 MS. THOMPSON: No. I think 15(c)(ii)
- 12 starts at line 2263.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 14 MS. THOMPSON: Then it goes into 15(e),
- 15 15(f). Those are down along line 2276 and 2280.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Okay. Thank
- 17 you.
- MS. THOMPSON: Uh-huh.
- MR. HENDON: So what are we requiring in
- 20 our existing -- or our proposed Chapter 12? On overflows,
- 21 we're recommending mechanical device, such as a flapper or
- 22 duckbill valve on the overflow, and number 4 mesh to keep
- 23 those mice or birds or bats out of that overflow. Or they
- 24 can put 24 mesh on the end of that overflow as well.
- 25 For vents, openings need to be protected with

- 1 24 mesh. An existing Chapter 12 requirement for buried
- 2 in-ground tanks is that the vent must be covered in
- 3 24 mesh.
- 4 The existing Chapter 12 also states that 24 mesh
- 5 may be used on elevated tanks.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: "May be" or "must be"?
- 7 MR. HENDON: On the existing Chapter 12, it
- 8 says "may."
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And the new ones?
- MR. HENDON: It will be 24 mesh.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So for vents,
- 12 it's going to say "must," not "may."
- 13 MR. HENDON: So -- so I'm just covering the
- 14 existing Chapter 12 requirements for ground and buried
- 15 tanks. An existing requirement for the vents on a ground
- 16 and buried tank is 24 mesh. We just wanted to let everyone
- 17 know that the proposed and existing are the same.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MR. HENDON: However, the existing Chapter
- 20 12, on an elevated tank, it had the word "may" for 24 mesh.
- 21 We are proposing 24 mesh to be protective vents for all
- 22 tanks.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So elevated tank will
- 24 be 24 mesh required.
- 25 MR. HENDON: Correct. Correct.

- 1 And so let's -- so we had a number of comments
- 2 and concerns and outreach to us with regards to 24 mesh.
- 3 So we followed up with the EPA. We'll cover that here in a
- 4 little bit further as well.
- 5 But in talking with EPA, EPA's been requiring 24
- 6 mesh on tank vents for all tanks that they inspect since
- 7 2014. They inspect tanks in Wyoming, as well as tribal
- 8 systems, so they require the implementation of 24 mesh
- 9 either on the overflows as well as the tank vents, whether
- 10 it's elevated, buried, or ground level.
- 11 We also had discussions with a commenter with
- 12 regards to a new 2018 newly built tank, Cowley tank was
- 13 getting built. EPA happened to be in the area, stopped by
- 14 to see the construction, learned that the new tank and the
- 15 tank vent was going to have 16 mesh installed. The mayor
- 16 happened to be on-site at the time. EPA informed the mayor
- 17 that, well, when we come by to inspect your new tank, it's
- 18 going to have a significant deficiency. Your tank vent on
- 19 your elevated brand-new tank is going to have to get in
- 20 compliance.
- 21 So the engineer and the town scrambled to get
- 22 that fixed during construction, rather than post
- 23 construction. So I think that's an important example of
- 24 where we need to ensure that we're requiring design
- 25 standards that align with enforcement standards and

- 1 requirements.
- 2 So some examples of tank vents that can be
- 3 utilized on an elevated tank that provides frost freezing
- 4 protection, here's some examples. Almost locally
- 5 manufactured, but these are manufactured down in Longmont,
- 6 Colorado -- or Wellington, Colorado.
- 7 Another option. This option here is on an
- 8 overflow. This is the city of Riverton. City of Riverton
- 9 kind of did a modification on their overflow. When it's
- 10 not overflowing, it's sealed with 24 mesh. During an
- 11 overflow event, or should they have debris or anything up
- 12 in there.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I like that.
- 14 MR. HENDON: It's a pretty slick and easy
- 15 idea such that if it is plugged, it can extend, debris can
- 16 wash away and perform during an overflow event. And
- 17 it's -- it keeps staff busy, pretty easy.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Is that allowed by
- 19 EPA?
- MR. HENDON: Uh-huh.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Very good. Thanks.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What are the issues
- 23 with that freezing in the winter?
- MR. HENDON: So perhaps in the winter,
- 25 during an overflow event, most tanks -- I mean, most tanks

- 1 operate at a lower level in the wintertime. So you
- 2 wouldn't see the fluctuation and volumes that you would see
- 3 in the summertime. So they up -- so instead of having a
- 4 tank full of water, they're going to operate at a lower
- 5 spectrum within their water system. Should they be up
- 6 during an overflow event, that water -- if it's a slow
- 7 trickle, perhaps there's a freezing concern. And perhaps
- 8 they do have issues, then they should perhaps look into a
- 9 flapper valve or duckbill valve.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That's a duckbill on
- 11 the right, correct?
- 12 MR. HENDON: And on the right, that's a
- 13 duckbill valve.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: And that's allowed.
- 15 MR. HENDON: And that's allowed. So
- 16 there's several options --
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Those are bomb proof
- 18 too.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah, they just --
- 21 it just opens up.
- 22 MR. HENDON: Yeah, under slight -- and that
- 23 would open under air pressure. So if there's a concern in
- our colder environments, if you're up in Teton County,
- 25 perhaps you don't want to use the Riverton solution, and

- 1 you want to put in a -- you want to put in that duckbill
- 2 valve to avoid any frost or freezing concerns.
- And, again, here's flapper valve options. Here's
- 4 the screen mesh.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That's 24?
- 6 MR. HENDON: That's 24.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: That means 24 holes
- 8 per inch?
- 9 MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 10 So this is a EPA Tech Tip Guidance document with
- 11 regards to vents, overflows, drain lines, requirement of 24
- 12 mesh. And this started -- this document, if we scroll in,
- is from April 3rd of 2012.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And the expense of
- 15 flapper valves or duckbills, what kind of expense are we
- 16 looking at?
- 17 MR. HENDON: With most things, they're
- 18 going to go up depending on the size of your pipe. But we
- 19 thought if you've got a smaller pipe, you're looking at
- 20 \$20, \$30. Smaller size, depending on your system, is going
- 21 to be in your thousands. But, again, if you're talking a
- 22 million-, 2-million-gallon tank, 1500 bucks for a duckbill
- 23 valve is a pretty reasonable and economical piece of
- 24 equipment.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you for the

- 1 slide.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: It's very helpful.
- 4 MR. HENDON: So, again, we had folks
- 5 send in numerous questions, concerns. So what did we do?
- 6 Went back to EPA, said, Hey, EPA, we want to work with you
- 7 on this 24 mesh. What kind of issues are you seeing with
- 8 it? Is there a pressure vacuum issue of these tanks
- 9 imploding, exploding, freezing, these types of concerns?
- 10 Again, they've -- in Wyoming and tribal lands,
- 11 they've been requiring it since 2014. Initially they
- 12 needed to -- initially there was pushback with regards to
- 13 getting 24 mesh installed on the tank vents and the
- 14 overflows. Now they say when they go out and do
- 15 inspections, they hardly ever see anything but 24 mesh.
- 16 They're not aware of any event, frost, freezing issues.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Have you made them
- aware of the issues that we've had in Wyoming?
- MR. HENDON: We've discussed a couple of
- 20 the items that at least I'm aware of. If there are other
- 21 issues that haven't been brought to our attention, then
- 22 they need to be shared with us. But from our
- 23 understanding, there were some small, I believe, pipe
- 24 separation issues with regard to a spring. But with
- 25 regards to -- again, with the enforcement agency conducting

- 1 the inspections, they're unaware of any frost, freezing,
- 2 vacuum pressure.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So they don't know
- 4 about Pine Bluffs?
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: They are very aware of the
- 6 town of Pine Bluffs, as are we. And Keenan --
- 7 MR. HENDON: Oh, so if we're talking about
- 8 Pine Bluffs, they're very well aware of Pine Bluffs.
- 9 MS. THOMPSON: They did a study.
- 10 MR. HENDON: And they've done a study on
- 11 Pine Bluffs. If we want to talk about Pine Bluffs, I think
- 12 there's a number of issues that we could review on Pine
- 13 Bluffs. We can start with the -- there was a new -- so
- 14 they have an existing tank, and they were constructing a
- 15 new tank. The contractor on-site crossed the wires on the
- 16 pumps. So they continued to fill the old tank instead of
- 17 filling their new tank.
- 18 So what happened? The old tank continued to fill
- 19 and fill and fill until it overflowed. Apparently the
- 20 overflow had -- it got clogged. So on the end of their
- 21 outlet line, it was clogged. Their overflow line had
- 22 24 mesh, which was interesting, because they had a flapper
- 23 valve installed. So there's an issue, number one. They
- 24 had a flapper valve. All they needed was to have a flapper
- 25 valve and number 4 mesh installed, likely wouldn't have had

- 1 a problem.
- 2 If we go back to the contractor, the issue is the
- 3 contractor constructing this system that continued to fill
- 4 and fill this tank until it essentially ruptured. There's
- 5 probably additional concerns with regard to that design as
- 6 why those pumps did not shut off with the significant
- 7 backpressure it was likely receiving from overfilling this
- 8 tank.
- 9 So I don't think we can blame Pine Bluffs solely
- 10 with regards to installing 24 mesh on the end of that
- 11 overflow line. I think there's a number of issues that
- 12 likely led to that scenario and that situation. I think
- 13 the Town of Pine Bluffs at the time probably should have
- 14 hired a forensic engineer to go in and evaluate exactly
- 15 what took place and what happened. I know WARWS was
- 16 on-site and did an inspection, and that seems to be the
- 17 document that's widely circulated. But, again, the
- 18 contractor and the Town should likely have had a legal
- 19 proceeding to find a solution and the true problem with
- 20 regards to what happened in Pine Bluffs.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What about Star Valley?
- 22 MR. HENDON: Star Valley? And what is the
- 23 issue in Star Valley?
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: My understanding is
- 25 there was a pump, had waste line number 24. And I think

- there's somebody from Star Valley actually here, but that
- 2 was below grade and it was pressurized and broke.
- 3 MR. HENDON: And was this a pipe
- 4 separation? This is a pipe separation concern? And I
- 5 think we're -- at the end of the day, regardless of --
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Waste.
- 7 MR. HENDON: -- regardless of any system,
- 8 we are committed to working with an entity. And I think
- 9 this is part of where we're headed with regards to this
- 10 slide. DEQ -- or not DEQ. EPA, whenever they issue a
- 11 significant deficiency and a correction needed, for an
- 12 entity, city, town, et cetera, they recommend hiring an
- 13 engineer and getting in coordination with DEQ.
- So with regards to that, should there ever be an
- issue with a city/town having to do retrofit, we're
- 16 committed to working with that entity to find a workable
- 17 solution. And having extended conversation with the entity
- 18 and EPA with regards to if it's vent, drain line, overflow,
- or any other matter, truly, we're happy to have those
- 20 discussions and find a workable solution for those
- 21 entities.
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: Let me just add to that. We
- 23 are very aware of the concerns with 24 mesh. And this has
- 24 been a landing discussion with stakeholders and EPA. We
- 25 have put a lot of careful conversation into this before

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- 1 making the decisions that we had with this chapter, but as
- 2 Keenan has outlined, we have to make sure we're not putting
- 3 our communities out of compliance with another regulatory
- 4 agency. It's just not giving them workable solutions and
- 5 causing additional expense.
- 6 But that said, we are committed that if a
- 7 community runs into a situation that they don't think they
- 8 can solve with one of the engineering solutions that Keenan
- 9 walked you through, we are committed to working with them
- 10 and brokering that conversation with EPA to make sure that
- 11 we're not leading to situations that go bad for that
- 12 community.
- So, again, we get the issues. We have to put our
- 14 communities into compliance, and I think we've found the
- 15 right balance of doing that, partnering with EPA, but
- 16 advocating for communities.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair.
- 18 Correct me if I'm wrong, we've got -- we have a lot of the
- 19 EPA requirements on it to maintain primacy, I guess.
- 20 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah, we -- EPA retains
- 21 primacy or public water supervision system.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Oh.
- 23 MS. ZYGMUNT: Wyoming has never assumed
- 24 primacy. So that's why there's this coordination. Other
- 25 states -- all other states do the construction, permitting

- 1 and public water system supervision. In Wyoming EPA does
- 2 the public water supervision. We do the construction,
- 3 permitting. So it's more and more important that we're
- 4 working together and I think we've had some productive
- 5 discussions along these lines.
- 6 You know, regardless of how we feel about 24 mesh
- 7 and whether it's necessary, this is EPA's decision. And
- 8 I -- you know, further feedback on 24 mesh and that
- 9 requirement should be directed to them, but, again, we
- 10 think that between engineering solutions and then working
- 11 through case-by-case situations we can make sure our
- 12 communities have good solutions and avoid structural damage
- 13 like the examples we talked about before.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What would it take
- 15 for -- I can save my comments until later so that we can
- 16 get to public comments.
- 17 MR. HENDON: Okay. Yeah. So along those
- 18 lines with regards to the outreach to EPA, which should DEQ
- 19 be doing going forward? Again, looking to strengthen
- 20 community outreach, provide education, training.
- 21 We do -- thankfully the legislature approved the
- 22 use of set-aside funds through the SRF program, so we can
- 23 provide either through third-party outreach --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: SRF?
- 25 MR. HENDON: State revolving fund.

- 1 So the state revolving fund set-asides, we can
- 2 now use some of that funding either to utilize third
- 3 parties. I understand WARWS and MAP, they're currently
- 4 working in our communities providing outreach and
- 5 education. Perhaps there's more that we can do.
- And, again, DEQ's committed to working with our
- 7 communities, whether it's a tank vent, an overflow, or any
- 8 other matter with EPA, so...
- 9 Section 16. Whew. Section 16. We're in the
- 10 Distribution Systems, talking about distribution piping.
- 11 We have 31 comments on this section. Eight of those
- 12 comments resulted in a change. These -- we worked with the
- 13 folks from American Council of Engineering of Wyoming, DOWL
- 14 Engineering, BOPU, City of Green River, and Nelson
- 15 Engineering with our review.
- 16 Some sections were updated with regards to water
- 17 services and plumbing information for either local or state
- 18 plumbing codes to provide better direction and clarity.
- 19 Sections were updated to include direction on air
- 20 relief valves, as well as hydrants and flushing hydrants.
- 21 And sections were updated to include -- include
- 22 flow fill options from DEQ policy as well as separation
- 23 distances.
- 24 We did receive a comment with regards to
- 25 dewatered work, wanting to allow work in a watered -- or a

- 1 trench that may be partially full of water. We opted to
- 2 remain and require dewatering in the trench. We think
- 3 that's important to have a sanitary, safe trench when
- 4 installing pipes, valves or hydrants.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Question, please.
- 6 Where can you take that water? So if they have to --
- 7 they're working on that -- this is point of interest, and
- 8 they have -- they're working on a hydrant downtown, 1st and
- 9 Main, or something like that, and they have a trench full
- 10 of water, where can they take it? What do they do with
- 11 that water?
- MR. HENDON: Sure. So the City of Cheyenne
- 13 currently has a large project going on in front of the
- 14 Capitol. They're doing waterlines, as well as storm sewer
- 15 lines, big trench, big pipe, high groundwater in that area.
- 16 So they brought in their own -- either bring in your over
- 17 water buffalo -- that's basically what they did. Bring in
- 18 your own water storage tank, put that on-site. So they
- 19 just pumped into one of those mobile water storage units.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: And then they take
- 21 it to --
- 22 MR. HENDON: And then they haul it offsite.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thanks.
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Assume that because

- 1 the TSS is too high to pump down a storm sewer; is that
- 2 correct? Or --
- 3 MR. HENDON: It depends on probably the
- 4 city's storm sewer system.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Uh-huh.
- 6 MR. HENDON: And they could have done that
- 7 as well, which they did on part of the sections. So
- 8 they -- I'm going to guess it depends on your local entity
- 9 with regards to where you're pumping that water. Part of
- 10 that water within the city of Cheyenne was in a plume with,
- 11 what is it, hydrochloric -- chemical for --
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: TCE?
- 13 MR. HENDON: TCE. It was in a plume for
- 14 TCE. So some of that water did have to get cleaned before
- 15 they could put it back into the storm sewer or dispose of
- 16 it elsewhere.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see. Interesting.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 MR. HENDON: It all depends, again, various
- 20 metrics.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Location.
- 22 MR. HENDON: Section 17 is Laboratory
- 23 Requirements. We didn't have any comments resulting in a
- 24 change. However, the one comment we did receive resulted
- 25 in a publication year being noted in Section 19 for

- 1 clarity.
- 2 Section 18, we received one comment, but no
- 3 change was implemented based on that comment.
- 4 Section 19, Incorporation by Reference. If you
- 5 want to be put to sleep, good section to read.
- 6 But we did receive two comments from City of
- 7 Green River and Nelson Engineering with regards to
- 8 including a C906 pipe alternative for 4-inch and up HDPE,
- 9 which we included in a previous section, so we updated it
- 10 here as well.
- 11 The other comment was with regards to a reference
- on AWWA C901, and wanted to make sure we incorporated
- 13 reference -- or number 2020 -- Version 2020 for that -- for
- 14 that component.
- 15 So with that, I guess we've reviewed sections 1
- 16 through 9, re-reviewed it here today. It was originally
- 17 reviewed at the December WWAB meeting. Presented Sections
- 18 10 through 19 with the significant changes within that
- 19 document.
- 20 Again, Chapter 12 is incorporating by reference
- 21 the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board 2018
- 22 Recommended Standards for Water Works. Within our document
- 23 it's referenced as the 2018 TSS.
- And with that, I can turn it back to Jennifer.
- 25 And I know we also have some public comments that we need

- 1 to address here as well.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you, Keenan.
- I don't have further comments at this time, so
- 4 Madam Chairwoman, it sounds like your preference would be
- 5 to go to public comments so people can go on with their
- 6 day.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So I'd like to open it
- 8 up now for public comments and please come -- when you --
- 9 speak into microphone or come up to the table, give your
- 10 name and who you're affiliated with. It's appreciated.
- 11 Maybe spelling of it for Kathy. So thank you.
- Mark, would you like to start?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: While we're waiting
- 14 for Mark to come up, Madam Chair, I'd like to extend my
- 15 appreciation to that thorough review. Thank you. That was
- 16 very helpful. And I'm glad that we went through another
- 17 public comment period. It's such an important rule. It
- 18 sounds like we had some very thorough review of some
- 19 excellent Wyoming institutions and people. So I think
- 20 we're on the right course here. Appreciate it.
- MR. HENDON: Thank you.
- 22 MR. PEPPER: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm
- 23 Mark Pepper. I'm the executive director of the Wyoming
- 24 Association of Rural Water Systems. We've been around
- 25 since 1989. We work -- for those of you who may not be

- 1 that familiar with us. We work with all the public water
- 2 systems in the state of Wyoming, enabling them to remain in
- 3 compliance or come into compliance with the Safe Drinking
- 4 Water Act, Clean Water Act, and increasingly the Resource
- 5 Conservation Recovery Act, as it relates to solid waste
- 6 leaching into groundwater or surface water.
- 7 Our membership consists of all 99 incorporated
- 8 communities and about 150 special districts that own and
- 9 operate water or wastewater facilities.
- 10 First, a kudo to the staff for taking on a
- 11 rewrite. A lot of the infrastructure that we're starting
- 12 to deal with is about 40 years old, 40, 50 years old. So
- 13 nice to have new design standards that are going to be
- 14 modern, up to date, versus what we have in the ground now
- 15 as they start to replace all that.
- 16 And I think a general comment I'll make before I
- 17 get started too much on just a couple of little bitty
- 18 things, is I think we finally have 24 mesh solved. And I
- 19 will agree that as it relates to the one tank failure, it
- 20 was probably more, in retrospect, as we've gotten further
- 21 away from it, it was probably more the overflow sensors and
- 22 the pumping -- the pump sensors not turning off that
- 23 created more of the problem as opposed to the 24 mesh. The
- 24 24 mesh probably didn't help any, but it probably wouldn't
- 25 have made much difference.

- 1 But I think we're all on the same page that if
- 2 it's an existing tank permitted, and it's 16 mesh or
- 3 greater, we're fine. It's when they make modifications,
- 4 and they'll have to come up to 24. Or if they're putting
- 5 in a new tank, again, it's nice to have the design
- 6 standards.
- 7 Where I think we ran into a lot of issues was
- 8 when retrofits were attempted without the use of a lot of
- 9 engineering, and they just put 24 mesh on and the airflow
- 10 was pretty well screwed up and it made a lot of different
- 11 issues. That's pretty much been solved with the existing
- 12 tank permit versus changes or new permits.
- 13 But a couple of the things that we would like to
- 14 see a little bit more -- and I apologize for the lateness.
- 15 I've been spending since about September with two of your
- 16 other favorite topics, ARPA and the infrastructure bill.
- 17 And if we ever get the infrastructure portions of the Build
- 18 Back Better, that's even more fun.
- But we're -- like to look at high water loss.
- 20 And we've discussed in the current revision utilizing a
- 21 high water loss being greater than 20 percent. We'd like
- 22 to -- to entertain dropping that down. In Wyoming, we're
- 23 an arid state. Some of the systems are facing a lot of
- 24 shortages. 20 percent water loss seems a little high. We
- 25 actually advocate in our work that we do that 10 percent is

- 1 about what we like to look at. We go in and do water loss
- 2 calculations, and a lot of places we'll run into 30, 40,
- 3 50, 60 percent water loss. Some of that is because the
- 4 difference between produced water and the sold water. They
- 5 don't sell the water to themselves, so they don't take into
- 6 account the swimming pools in the parks or the parks and
- 7 some of that kind of stuff. And so we try to go back, get
- 8 them to meter all that. Once we get that done, then we
- 9 look at the water loss. And if it's 10 percent or less,
- we're really happy.
- 11 If it's 10 percent or more and they've got a
- 12 sector of town that's had a lot of water breaks, that's
- when we'd like them to kind of do some investigation and
- 14 possibly looking at replacements of those sectors as it
- 15 relates to -- and we've had a couple of pretty high profile
- 16 breaks in the last little bit that require more notices and
- 17 all sorts of good stuff. But they've had tons and tons of
- 18 breaks, it seems like, in their system. Now with more
- 19 money than we'll ever be able to spend probably timely,
- 20 they should be able to replace every line in their town.
- So we would look at 1.1.5(f), and possibly look
- 22 at maybe shoot for greater than 15 percent. And -- because
- 23 that's just a great indicator of --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you go -- 1.1.5(f),
- 25 is that what you said?

- 1 MR. PEPPER: That's correct.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: In the 10 States
- 3 Standards.
- 4 MR. HENDON: Yes, that is reference to the
- 5 10 States Standards.
- MR. PEPPER: Yes.
- 7 MR. HENDON: And it's in reference for
- 8 systems with -- I'll just read the language of (f). And
- 9 it's essentially for systems with a high percentage of
- 10 unaccounted for water (generally greater than 20 percent of
- 11 water production) a water audit may be required by the
- 12 reviewing authority.
- 13 MR. PEPPER: And we'd be good with less.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 15 MR. PEPPER: Just in our daily work we do.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So you would propose we
- 17 would take out -- (f) is in there right now, and we would
- 18 take it out.
- 19 MR. PEPPER: No, (f) is fine. Just drop it
- 20 from 20 to 15.
- 21 MR. HENDON: And I think in order for us to
- 22 facilitate that, we'd have to drop (f) and then reinsert
- 23 language from F in the document.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: With less than

- MR. PEPPER: Ah. 1 2 MR. HENDON: Yeah. 3 MR. PEPPER: Or -- well, okay. Okay. Like 4 I said, sorry, it was late last night. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So these are included? 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay. Thank you. 6 7 MR. PEPPER: And then 1.1.7.1(f) was 8 included for surface water source protection measures. We'd kind of like to see 1.1.7.2 (h), considering that 9 10 88 percent of the systems in Wyoming use groundwater. And 11 while it's a voluntary source water protection planning, we'd kind of like to see a --12 1.3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you go over those 14 numbers slowly again? MR. PEPPER: Okay. 1.1.7.2(h) addresses 15 groundwater source water protection measures. And we'd 16 like to see that added. And I'll give a quick -- as quick 17 18 as I can, story. So years ago, we were working with a system doing the source water protection plan. And they 19 20 were -- they had existing wells that were in a railroad
- 22 and plug those -- those existing wells once the new
- 23 wells were drilled. Of course, unfortunately, there was

right-of-way. And part of the project was they would cap

- 24 just all sorts of things. But the engineers ended up
- 25 utilizing all the money for existing wells and didn't have

- 1 the money to cap it and abandon the existing wells. So we
- 2 were able to work with the railroad, ultimately, and they
- 3 ponied up the money to -- to cap those so they -- they
- 4 didn't want the liability of open wells in their
- 5 right-of-way.
- In addition to that aspect of it, we filed the
- 7 delineations of our source water protection plan for that
- 8 particular community and those new wells with BLM. And as
- 9 it worked out, one of the oil and gas companies was in the
- 10 process of finalizing a permit to drill a new gas well and
- 11 frack job. As it worked out, the frack job would have
- 12 occurred directly underneath the new water wells. I mean,
- 13 absolute positively directly underneath them. There was
- 14 10,000 foot of strata, but still -- I know it was when
- 15 Pavillion was kind of hot and heavy.
- 16 So they pulled their permit, reworked their
- 17 drilling program, moved about a half mile away and drilled
- 18 there as a down-gradient from the town's wells, and hit one
- 19 of the largest gas producers in the United States. So they
- 20 were happy when it was all said and done. But we just
- 21 think source water protection in both groundwater and
- 22 surface water should be addressed.
- 7.0.6, water storage age, has been omitted, and
- 24 we know that many of the upcoming regulations, lead and
- 25 copper revisions, disinfection byproducts review and in a

- 1 way, water age is going to become paramount. And TSS 2018
- 2 recommends no longer than five days on water age. And we
- 3 believe this is in agreement with AWWA recommendations. So
- 4 we would advocate to add 7.0.6 on the water age.
- 5 Another area where we spend seems like an
- 6 inordinate amount of time in our work, 8.7.2, Bedding, was
- 7 omitted. It's important to protect the investments of the
- 8 state systems by ensuring a quality bedding material is
- 9 used. This isn't always the case. And so I think rather
- 10 than giving too much leeway, we dial it in and put 8.7.2
- 11 in.
- 12 And kind of dovetailing on that one is 8.7.9,
- 13 which is Separation From Other Utilities, was omitted. And
- 14 we find a lot of times where the water, wastewater, and
- 15 then other lines are in a trench, tough to dig around them
- 16 when you're making repairs, and ends up being more costly
- 17 when it's all said and done than doing it -- allowing for
- 18 the room to do those repairs to begin with. So we would
- 19 ask for 8.7.9 to be added back in for separation from other
- 20 utilities.
- 21 And that's all we really have right now. But --
- 22 and, truly, the staff has done a remarkable job in fielding
- 23 all of the concerns, as well as updating this thing. It's
- 24 massive. We're going to probably be doing corrections and
- 25 guidance forever, but -- but -- as things change. But

- there's just those last few things we thought wouldn't be
- 2 too bad.
- 3 But any questions or -- I'll get out of here --
- 4 get out of your hair.
- 5 MR. HENDON: So we do have -- we do have --
- 6 where to start?
- 7 For bedding, we do have it referenced. It's just
- 8 the reference that's a requirement in Section 16 (c)(i), we
- 9 recommend ASTM C12 classes for bedding, for distribution
- 10 and transmission pipe.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Which line
- 12 number are you on?
- MR. PEPPER: Thanks.
- MR. HENDON: So good news. Thank you.
- 15 Good news, we do have that one in there.
- 16 I'd be happy to go back and take a look at the
- 17 question on the water age. We do have a couple of sections
- 18 that do address water age as to the tank mixing
- 19 requirements in Section 15(c), as well as 15(e). But --
- 20 but perhaps the best course would be for us to take your
- 21 comments and provide a formal response.
- 22 MR. PEPPER: Like I say, you might want to
- 23 revisit, just because of what's in the proposed revisions.
- 24 MR. HENDON: I'll take a better look at
- 25 what you said with respect to that five days, and with

- 1 regards to utilities and options we can definitely take a
- 2 closer look at that as well.
- 3 But looks like some of it we do have an answer
- 4 to, some of it we need to take a closer look.
- 5 MR. PEPPER: I do think we do have 24 mesh
- 6 solved.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah, thank you for your
- 8 comment. We'll take a closer look.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you very much,
- 10 Mr. Pepper.
- 11 MR. PEPPER: Anything else as it comes up,
- 12 let me know, but...
- 13 MR. HENDON: If you get ARPA figured out
- 14 too, let us know.
- MR. PEPPER: I'm on mic.
- 16 MR. HENDON: That's a longer conversation.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: We were just talking
- 18 about this. American Recovery Act or something like that.
- MR. PEPPER: ARPA, American Recovery -- is
- 20 it Recovery?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: American Recovery
- 22 Protection Act.
- MR. PEPPER: Protection Act.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Protection Act.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Protection Act,

- 1 yeah.
- 2 MR. PEPPER: And infrastructure bill.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I worked in munitions,
- 4 ARPA is a -- is a munitions thing.
- 5 MR. PEPPER: Well, and that was part of the
- 6 governor's veto the other day, because EPA just issued new
- 7 ARPA guidance last week. So we're trying to wade through
- 8 all of that.
- 9 MR. HENDON: It was short guidance. It was
- 10 only 56 pages of the guidance.
- MR. PEPPER: Small present.
- MR. HENDON: Small present.
- MR. PEPPER: Thank you.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you very much.
- 15 Is there anybody on Zoom that would like to make
- 16 public comments, or maybe you're not on Zoom. Maybe it's
- 17 something else. It is Zoom. Is there anybody else on
- 18 Zoom that would like to make public comments, and -- maybe
- 19 one -- raise your hand. Gina says raise your hand.
- 20 MS. THOMPSON: Not seeing any hands raised.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: No hands raised. I
- 22 think this is probably a good time to take a lunch break.
- 23 And it's 12:30. We'll come back at 1:30, if that's okay
- 24 with everybody.
- 25 (Meeting proceedings recessed

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- 1 12:35 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.) ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We're going to 2 reconvene the Water and Waste Advisory Board. And at this 3 point, I think -- are we ready, Keenan, to open it up for 4 5 Board discussion? Do I need to repeat that or -- all right. 6 7 So I'm going to open it up for Board discussion. 8 I don't know if we want to go through chapter by chapter or whether we want to --9 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: If I may make a suggestion. 11 So it sounds like there were maybe some more discussion points around the 24 mesh, and maybe we could start there. 12 1.3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sure. That's a good idea. 14 MS. ZYGMUNT: Does that sound good? 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. 16 17 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. So, Keenan, can you 18 remind us which section that would be? 19 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I didn't have any more comments on 24 mesh. Did you? 20 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would like a little 22 bit of a discussion about primacy and how -- what Wyoming

be helpful, I think, for me.

MS. ZYGMUNT: Sure. That is a good

would need to do to get primacy. And maybe -- that would

- 1 question, Madam Chairwoman. Based on previous
- 2 conversations I've had with past staff, at this time we
- 3 were not considering requesting primacy for the public
- 4 water supervision system. My understanding is that past
- 5 cost feasibility analyses just indicate that it would be a
- 6 significant expansion of the state, the agency's budget,
- 7 and of our personnel to pursue that program. And
- 8 recognizing that EPA would provide some funds to help
- 9 implement that program, it would still be a pretty large
- 10 financial burden on the state to pursue primacy. So at
- 11 this time, we do not have any intention to pursue that
- 12 primacy. Of course, that could be revisited at some point
- 13 in the future, but not on the radar right now.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I guess I
- 15 appreciate that you guys are in a position because EPA has
- 16 primacy that would pretty much -- we pretty much have to do
- 17 what EPA wants us to do on this one. So it doesn't sound
- 18 like there's a whole lot of wiggle room. I mean, I
- 19 appreciate that, you know, we do have some -- and I'm going
- 20 to get mixed up which -- for discharge or overflow that we
- 21 do have some -- or is it air vents? Which one is the one
- 22 where we have --
- MR. HENDON: There are options on tank
- 24 vents on the overflows. I guess not tank vents. I
- 25 apologize. There's options on the overflows for tanks.

1	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
2	MR. HENDON: So we can do the mechanical
3	device
4	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
5	MR. HENDON: or 24 mesh.
6	And then tank vents do require the 24 mesh for an
7	elevated, ground, or buried storage tanks.
8	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And, you know, I
9	think about, you know, hundred foot high elevated water
10	storage tank and just wonder, you know
11	MR. HENDON: I think we're on the same
12	page. I think we
13	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: how do you get up
14	there inexpensively? I mean, you need a crane that's able
15	to go a hundred feet?
16	MR. HENDON: That is that is true
17	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: An expensive
18	MR. HENDON: on a retrofit, which would
19	also be a good reason to ensure that new designs going
20	forward on tanks are in compliance with the EPA
21	requirements so that we're not continuing to create a
22	burden for our communities, especially with these
23	perhaps a tank and these overflows.
24	So there are various options with regard to

25 pressure or vacuum release vents on tanks that entities

- 1 could pursue as well. There's also bypass vents that could
- 2 be used on those drain lines in the smaller -- these
- 3 smaller pipe diameter type systems. So there are numerous
- 4 options that folks can pursue. And I think going forward,
- 5 as I mentioned, there's the SRF set-aside funds that are
- 6 going to be available, where we can provide better
- 7 outreach, education, and training to our community, to our
- 8 operators, to our public water systems, as well as our
- 9 private water systems too, so that we can get these folks
- 10 in compliance, have safe drinking water, and ensure that
- 11 the design also meets the enforcement criteria.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And what kind of -- can
- 13 you just go over the kinds of modifications that people
- 14 would be doing that would require the upgrade and kinds of
- 15 modifications that wouldn't require upgrading, that, you
- 16 know --
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- grandfathered in
- 19 clause. Because I looked at the definition in the
- 20 regulations, and it's not real clear to me.
- MR. HENDON: Absolutely.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Maybe it's clear to
- 23 everyone else, but to me it's clear as mud.
- MR. HENDON: And you bring up a good point,
- 25 that was a number of commenters kind of had similar

- 1 questions with regards to when does the permit start, when
- 2 does the permit stop. Essentially if you're replacing a
- 3 pump -- anything in-kind -- an in-kind replacement would
- 4 not need a permit. So if you're needing -- if you had a
- 5 pipe rupture and you need to go get that pipe fixed,
- 6 replace a valve, address a hydrant, by all means, yes, get
- 7 those things fixed, rather than waiting and coming to DEQ
- 8 to get a permit.
- 9 However, if you're -- if you're doing that fix
- 10 and you realize, Hey, this pipe is old, aged, and you start
- 11 ripping up a number of blocks within -- number of city
- 12 blocks to address this fix, then you need to come and get a
- 13 permit. So generally anything over a block, half a block,
- 14 we're looking -- as far as pipe distance goes, we would
- 15 expect to see a permit. You're going to have a number of
- 16 perhaps service connections, pressure differential, other
- 17 things for us to look at and evaluate.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So one of the comments
- 19 that I would have on your response to comments, a lot of
- 20 times it just says, you know, look here for modifications.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I quess my thought
- 23 would be just put in a sentence like you said, you know --
- MR. HENDON: Absolutely. And we are
- 25 looking -- so internally we've discussed along with 24

- 1 mesh, along with what requires a permit, generating an FAQ
- 2 page or section, so that folks know and they can get that
- 3 information quickly on our website. And we can also
- 4 address it within our comments -- response to comments as
- 5 well. Because we think that would be a beneficial use for
- 6 folks and provide them with clear -- better direction.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And I should
- 8 have started off by saying, you know, I really appreciate
- 9 all that you guys have done. I know that I asked, you
- 10 know, at the last meeting that you go back to commenters
- 11 and staff, and you've done that. And I really appreciate
- 12 what you've done. It's really helpful. And I think it's
- 13 improved. You know, I think -- and I also am glad that we
- 14 extended the public comment period, because I think we got
- 15 some good comments. It's a pretty --
- 16 MR. HENDON: We would agree with you.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: This is my doctor's
- 18 appointment tomorrow, so I have to get it. I'm sorry.
- 19 I'll be right back.
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 21 (Off-the-record discussion.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Where was I?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: I think we agree.
- MR. HENDON: 24 mesh.
- 25 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. And we appreciate the

- 1 feedback from the December meeting.
- 2 And, again, Keenan has done a really good job
- 3 about how to do effective outreach, and we've learned some
- 4 things that we'll take to new rulemaking projects. So I
- 5 think we have a better product because of comment. At this
- 6 point in time I think we have good responses and have had
- 7 good productive discussion with commenters. Again, we'll
- 8 consider the comments that Mark Pepper gave to us this
- 9 morning, and come up with written responses to those
- 10 comments.
- 11 But I'll turn it back over to you in terms of
- 12 where you'd like to take the conversation today.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I guess just
- 14 another sort of big picture comment that I have is, you
- 15 know, there's lots and lots of very small water systems in
- 16 use in the state, campgrounds, rest stops, little parks.
- MR. HENDON: Absolutely.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And, you know, I'm
- 19 concerned about -- you know, I guess my question is, is
- 20 there a way of having some kind of de minimis that says if
- 21 you, you know, serve less than a certain number of
- 22 households, people, or size system, that we can say you
- 23 don't have to follow all of these regulations? So, for
- 24 instance, I'm concerned about the storage. So if -- if
- 25 people have to have, you know, small -- small systems,

- 1 campground, whatever, has to have a second well or storage
- 2 tank that can store -- you know, so you have to have twice
- 3 as much as your daily demand, whatever the term is, and
- 4 you're only being used seasonally, you know, then you can
- 5 have water aging problems in the tank, because you have too
- 6 much water, and then you have to dump that water out.
- 7 And so it seems like one-size-fits-all doesn't
- 8 seem to work. I think a lot of the problems in Wyoming
- 9 where there's lots of small water systems, a small
- 10 subdivision, a small, you know, restaurant. I mean, you
- 11 can think of a million situations.
- MR. HENDON: Scenarios, right.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, scenarios. Yeah,
- 14 thank you.
- 15 So I'm just wondering if there's a way of saying,
- 16 okay, if you're less than this, this doesn't apply,
- 17 because, you know, these aren't year-round -- I don't know
- 18 if it has to be year-round. Anyways, you probably thought
- 19 of this, I'm sure, so I'll let you answer, but that's my
- 20 concern.
- 21 MR. HENDON: We -- so absolutely we have
- 22 thought of that with regards to your transient noncommunity
- 23 water systems, your RV parks, campgrounds, things of that
- 24 nature. You know, there is the two-well requirement or the
- 25 storage requirement, as you mentioned. It is something

- 1 that we have looked into and addressed. Internally we've
- 2 discussed it. I want to say based on our internal
- discussions, we left the criteria as-is, as it was existing
- 4 with regards to these systems. I'm not sure if Jennifer
- 5 has additional ideas or thoughts with regards to these
- 6 systems, on these types.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: It's a good question, and
- 8 it's one that's on our radar, and one that we've been
- 9 talking with Mark, with Wyoming Association --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Mark Pepper.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Mark Pepper.
- MR. HENDON: Mark Pepper.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: -- about extensively and it
- 14 is a big need in the state to figure out how to help these
- 15 transient systems, and particularly, as we see more tourism
- 16 within the state, you know, some of these seasonal
- 17 facilities are seeing increased visitation. You know, they
- 18 may be overloaded. They may not have originally developed
- 19 the site to have their well and their septic system
- 20 appropriately sited, and they grow and become a public
- 21 water system well, and then they need to make some choices
- 22 about how to manage water/wastewater on the property. So
- 23 we're seeing a lot of challenges, and I think probably the
- 24 first thing that needs to happen is we need to find
- 25 resources for more technical assistance for those

- 1 facilities. And Keenan mentioned earlier that there was
- 2 some legislation that opened up some state revolving fund
- 3 set-aside money for the State to potentially pursue that
- 4 could be used for technical assistance for these transient
- 5 communities.
- 6 So we plan to continue having these discussions
- 7 with WARWS and other groups, and I think the place to start
- 8 would be better technical assistance to make sure they have
- 9 appropriate resources and can be in compliance. I think in
- 10 terms of the one-size-fits-all approach, I can absolutely
- 11 understand that may be the case. I don't know that I'm
- 12 able today to talk about specifics where we could make
- 13 adjustments, but I think that's something that we can keep
- 14 in mind as we continue to look at this rule and those
- 15 systems while also making sure keeping those facilities in
- 16 compliance with EPA PWSS system.
- 17 So I hear your concern. I can't give you
- 18 specific commitments right now, but we will keep that in
- 19 mind as we work with these transient systems.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I think that --
- 21 to me, that's a real showstopper. That's a really
- 22 important issue. So, yeah, if you can add it, you know,
- 23 next time we look at this, if -- if we don't -- I mean, I'm
- 24 only one person on the Board, but if the Board chooses to
- 25 pass this on to EQC, then you'll be looking at it years

- 1 down the road. But if the Board chooses not to recommend
- 2 going to EQC, then I would like to see you looking at that
- 3 some more.
- 4 MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I think it's really
- 6 important.
- 7 MR. HENDON: Right.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: You know, and I think
- 9 about campgrounds where -- you know, state parks, whatever,
- 10 where -- so the well runs dry, you just say there's -- you
- 11 shut down that campground, and say, okay, we're done for
- 12 the season a little earlier, this marina, this whatever --
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- you know, we're done
- 15 a little early.
- 16 MR. HENDON: Yep. There's definitely
- 17 likely some options that --
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I'm really
- 19 concerned about -- not just -- I mean, it's one thing if
- 20 they're going from seasonal to permit, or they've got way
- 21 more people, what you're addressing on the opposite end of
- 22 the scale where they -- I'm looking at the opposite from
- 23 what Jennifer's looking at --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: I see.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- where are we

- 1 oversizing and making it too extensive for them, because,
- 2 you know, they're seasonal and transient, whatever, so...
- 3 Thanks. Okay. That's kind of a big-picture one
- 4 from me.
- 5 Okay. So I'm wondering if we want to start with
- 6 Chapter 10, because we didn't get to 10 on --
- 7 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Section 10?
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Section. Thank you.
- 9 Sorry. Excuse me.
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, if I could
- 11 make a suggestion, and it might be beneficial, if we could
- 12 ask if Mr. Dickson has any big-picture comments he'd like
- 13 to share.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sure. Brian, do you
- 15 have any big-picture comments? You'll have to go off mute.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: No. I'm fine the
- 17 way it is.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Other board members
- 19 have some big picture -- other comments, big picture?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: No, thank you.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: No.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So I quess my question
- 23 is do we want to go through chapter -- chapter, thank
- 24 you -- Section 10 on, or do we want to start back at the
- 25 beginning again with my guestions?

- 1 So I don't know. Keenan, whatever works best for
- 2 you.
- 3 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, I think
- 4 we'll leave it to the Board's preference. You know, we are
- 5 happy to answer any questions and thoughts that we would
- 6 like to discuss. We are not planning on kind of going
- 7 through a page-by-page, line-by-line review. I think given
- 8 the presentation we heard this morning, I think we can go
- 9 section by section, just open it up to questions or
- 10 comments in that section. We can move forward that way.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: What do you guys
- 12 prefer, starting with 1 or starting with 10?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I like to plow new
- 14 ground.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Plow new ground? Okay.
- 16 We'll start with 10.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Plow new ground,
- 18 sometimes plant the seed and -- so answer to your question,
- 19 start at Section 10?
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Start at Section 10.
- 21 So on page 12-16 of the green copy.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: 12-16.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: All right. So I -- my
- 24 first question is on page 12-18. It's line 818. And I
- 25 understand the change made was because EPA required that.

- 1 It deleted "for plants for the maximum daily flow of 50,000
- 2 gallons per day or more..." And that is a little bit of my
- 3 one-size-fits-all. We had something that allowed us to
- 4 rethink that. So maybe you can talk about the discussions
- 5 with EPA on that.
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And whether there's any
- 8 wiggle room.
- 9 MR. HENDON: Sure. And with regards to the
- 10 meters, we did a search for meters and meter cost. We
- 11 didn't see a significant cost or rise with regards to a
- 12 meter requiring instantaneous flow rate. They're going to
- 13 be -- the meter would not provide additional burden to the
- 14 entity or the user to provide an instantaneous flow rate.
- 15 With it being a requirement with EPA from their guidance,
- 16 we went ahead and incorporated that change.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then I just
- 18 have -- and I'll go over -- and I'll get with you on a few
- 19 other editorials later. Okay. Let me just look -- I've
- 20 got to look in all the places for Section 10 to see what I
- 21 have. So in the response to comment from Ty Ross, on
- 22 10(b)(i), on page 16 of the comments. I think the
- 23 reference to 10(b)(lv) is wrong. I think it should be
- 24 10(b)(ii).
- That's the same doctor's office. I'm sorry.

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BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah, take it. You 1 2 do what you got to do. 3 (Off-the-record discussion.) ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Really sorry. 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, we're in agreement with that correction, and we'll modify that --6 7 THE REPORTER: Excuse me. 8 MS. ZYGMUNT: We're in agreement with that correction, and we will modify that response to comments. 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then I guess 10 11 it's the same -- let's see, page -- it's the same question about EPA comment on page 17, where the greater than 12 1.3 .5 million gallons per day or population greater than 3300, that also disappeared, got deleted. And I'm wondering --14 15 I'm wondering if that's something with wiggle room. So there was language, maybe it's in the -- maybe 16 it's in the 10 States Standards. 17 18 MR. HENDON: Gotcha. In the -- so on that one, this was a comment where we were requiring --19 essentially EPA's giving us an off-ramp to allow either/or. 20 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. 22 MR. HENDON: So we viewed that as a win --

ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.

had. And so they were saying you keep the language you

MR. HENDON: -- versus the language that we

- 1 have, you're going to be doubling up your meters and
- 2 providing an additional burden to your communities. But if
- 3 you go with what we're proposing, you can get away with
- 4 just a meter, or you can continue to have two of these
- 5 meters.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So they required
- 7 getting rid of that language --
- MR. HENDON: They said, Hey, you know --
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Give and take.
- 10 MR. HENDON: Yeah, it was a little give and
- 11 take. They said, Hey, we can give you a bit of an off-ramp
- 12 here with regard to benefits to your users.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's all I have on
- 14 Section 10.
- MR. HENDON: Okay.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So...
- 17 Okay. Section 11, Source Development. And I'll
- 18 ask the Board, please interrupt me or just raise your hand
- 19 or -- if you have something on Section 10.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Sure. I'm good.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I have a comment on
- 22 Section 11, if you're moving there.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Page 12-22, line
- 25 978, it talks about a 10-foot setback for property lines.

- 1 It seems to me you need to be more consistent with your
- 2 other setbacks, because you're either putting the burden on
- 3 another landowner not to install things you're setting back
- 4 from, or you're putting it outside the operator's capacity
- 5 to stop those things from occurring. So I think they
- 6 either need to have agreement from the other landowner that
- 7 those things won't occur or your setbacks need to be
- 8 consistent with your other setbacks.
- 9 MR. HENDON: Okay. And so in looking at
- 10 page 12-22, you would recommend perhaps it follows the
- 11 setbacks kind of at the top of the page, perhaps, with
- 12 the --
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah.
- MR. HENDON: -- 50-foot.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Or the -- you know,
- 16 you've got 500 feet from absorption field.
- 17 MR. HENDON: Yeah. And I think that --
- 18 yeah. That is -- that is definitely something for us to
- 19 look at and consider, and I think we're probably looking at
- 20 from a construction standpoint with regards --
- 21 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: At least design
- 22 standards. If they can get agreement from the other
- 23 landowner, I'm not going to put any of those things in
- 24 there, that works for me too, you know.
- MR. HENDON: Right.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Madam
- 2 Chair.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Anyone else from the
- 4 Board have comments on Section 11?
- 5 Okay. So I have questions in terms of the 10
- 6 States Standards. Why was 3.2.1.1, the source capacity,
- 7 why was that removed? So that is under Quantity, Source
- 8 Capacity, "The total developed groundwater source capacity,
- 9 unless otherwise specified by the reviewing authority,
- 10 shall equal or exceed the design maximum day demand with
- 11 the largest producing well out of service."
- 12 MS. THOMPSON: That was in response to a
- 13 comment from Mr. Ben Jordan --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 15 MS. THOMPSON: -- who noted that 3.2.1.1 is
- 16 not agreed -- there was a conflict with I believe it was
- 17 Section 11(e)(i). And so we looked at the concern and took
- 18 out the reference --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 20 MS. THOMPSON: -- because of a conflict
- 21 later in the section.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 23 MR. HENDON: Yes, I think we took out the
- 24 reference to the 10 States Standards, but we already -- we
- 25 essentially have that language within Chapter 12 under

- 1 (e)(i) on page 12-21.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: All right. Then the --
- 3 so let's see. I think -- I have a note that 3.2.6.5 in the
- 4 10 States Standards conflicts with line 1067. And I --
- 5 Gina, thank you for sending me a copy of this. It was
- 6 really helpful for the review to have the 10 States
- 7 Standards.
- 8 So 3.2.6.5 is limestone or sandstone wells.
- 9 Actually, maybe that's now -- that's been changed. 1067
- 10 has been changed. Right or not?
- 11 MR. HENDON: I think it may get changed
- 12 with that proposed language change.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Do you remember what it
- 14 was?
- 15 MR. HENDON: I'm going to guess it got
- 16 moved down within the document.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Oh, is this the one
- 18 where -- I'll have to see the new wording.
- 19 So this is for wells without permanent casing.
- 20 And is this where the -- we going to be grouted into the
- 21 next -- to the formation, right?
- 22 MR. HENDON: Yeah, this is in order to
- 23 comply with SEO.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 25 MR. HENDON: So essentially the casing's

- going to extend through that layer, and will be grouted in
- 2 that layer.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 4 MR. HENDON: And then extend 10 feet
- 5 minimum --
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 7 MR. HENDON: -- into that target aquifer to
- 8 comply.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So this 10 feet -- in
- 10 the top 10 feet, that's gone now, that's on my --
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Good. Thank
- 13 you.
- MR. HENDON: That should be gone.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Good. Thank
- 16 you.
- 17 But so then is it necessary to have 3.2.6.5 for
- 18 limestone or sandstone wells to have the 50 feet, "Where
- 19 the depth of the unconsolidated is more than 50 feet, the
- 20 permanent casing shall be firmly seated in uncreviced
- 21 unbroken rock." And "Grouting requirements determined by
- 22 the reviewing authority."
- 23 And if it's "...less than 50 feet, the depth of
- 24 casing and grout shall be at least 50 feet or as determined
- 25 by the reviewing authority." So I guess that gives us some

- 1 flexibility.
- 2 MR. HENDON: I think it provides
- 3 flexibility.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 5 MR. HENDON: And the design engineers to
- 6 work with our district engineers to make their case,
- 7 either -- one way or the other.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then the
- 9 next thing is in citing 3.2.7 on line 838. It's a little
- 10 bit confusing for me, with -- if you cite 3.2.7, but then
- 11 say -- in my mind that implies all of 3.2.7, but I think
- 12 you're not implying, because then it is broken down to
- 13 3.2.7.3 and .4 and .6 and .7 and .8. So I'm wondering
- 14 if -- and all that 3.2.7 says is a title, Well Pumps,
- 15 Discharge Piping and Appurtenances. So I'm thinking you
- 16 would delete the line that says 3.2.7, Well Pumps,
- 17 Discharge Piping and Appurtenances.
- 18 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. We can remove that
- 19 from the paragraph.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Good.
- 21 And I guess that, in my mind, kind of brings up
- 22 an issue of checking all of the citations in each section
- 23 of the TSS to make sure that there isn't an overlying --
- 24 you know, a bigger --
- MR. HENDON: A bigger -- yeah, we're

- 1 covering something more than we need to.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It implies that
- 3 somebody's confused, so just to check.
- 4 Okay. All right. So then on line 845, it's
- 5 Section 11(c). So first -- okay. It just -- I'm thinking
- 6 how this flows. The first thing we're talking about is
- 7 source development, surface water intake structures, and
- 8 then we go to service connections and groundwater source
- 9 development, isolation distances, but between those we have
- 10 transmission lines interconnecting process piping. And all
- 11 that stuff seems kind of out of place. So it seems like
- 12 transmission and piping should come after source
- 13 development. So it just doesn't flow to me.
- MR. HENDON: Okay.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So I would suggest
- 16 moving that section.
- MR. HENDON: Kind of a layout?
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- MR. HENDON: Okay.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So it's kind of
- 21 organizational, as you're going through and thinking about
- 22 this stuff --
- MR. HENDON: Sure.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- going from the
- 25 source out to --

MR. HENDON: So you go from the --1 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- the transmission --2 you know, you're going from the --3 MR. HENDON: To the transmission --5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: The source to --THE REPORTER: One at a time, please. 6 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Sorry. 8 MR. HENDON: Sorry, Kathy. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I'll let you 9 10 guys figure out where it belongs, but... 11 Okay. Then I think there was a comment made --I don't remember who made it -- on line 938, which is 12 13 Section 11(b)(i). That the language -- so the language reads "Proposed designs shall include a minimum of two 14 15 wells supplying twice the daily demand, or one well and finished water storage that together equal twice the 16 maximum daily demand." 17 18 And I think the question really is -- I know the answer, but the way it's written, it could -- you could 19 20 argue each well would supply two times the daily demand. 21 And I think what we mean is combined wells supply two times 22 the daily demand. So I think the problem is with the wording "two wells supplying twice the maximum daily..." 23 24 So I think we can either say two wells together supplying twice the daily demand, or two wells combined, or something

- 1 in there to indicate that it isn't each well supplying it
- 2 two times, so...
- 3 And then --
- 4 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: But it is each well
- 5 supplying once.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: You can't have one
- 8 well supplying one and three-quarter and one well supplying
- 9 a quarter.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, you can. Because
- 11 it's the --
- 12 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Not if your big one
- 13 shuts down.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Well, so you have twice
- 15 the daily demand you have together with two wells. So if
- 16 one -- oh, so you're saying if one -- oh, if one's only
- 17 half of the daily demand, that --
- 18 MR. HENDON: Yeah, I think they both need
- 19 to supply twice the maximum daily demand so that should one
- 20 go down, the other is capable of providing the same supply.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So they each have to
- 22 supply the daily demand.
- MR. HENDON: Yes.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So then it would be --
- 25 so if you had one smaller well, now you're going to drill a

- 1 new well to increase your capacity, you can't have one
- 2 supplying a quarter of the daily, the new one supplying --
- 3 MR. HENDON: The combination --
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- 1.75.
- 5 MR. HENDON: -- gets you -- gets you all
- 6 the way there? No. Short answer is no. It would need to
- 7 be two wells providing twice the maximum.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Each well.
- 9 MR. HENDON: Each.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Each well provides
- 11 twice the daily demand.
- MR. HENDON: Each one.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So now you have four
- 14 times the daily demand.
- 15 MR. HENDON: So I think that goes back to
- 16 your original concern with regards to smaller systems.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. Definitely.
- 18 MR. HENDON: And an off-ramp for smaller
- 19 systems.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Especially now I
- 21 understand it to mean --
- MR. HENDON: Yeah, for your smaller
- 23 systems.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: But if you have one
- 25 well in the finished water storage, you only have twice the

- 1 maximum daily demand. So that doesn't make sense to me
- 2 that the wells -- two wells would have to provide twice as
- 3 much as a well and storage -- finished storage water tank.
- 4 That doesn't make sense.
- 5 MR. HENDON: Noted. We can take a look at
- 6 it.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: We understand the concern.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 9 MS. ZYGMUNT: But, again, there's some good
- 10 reasons for requirements, we'll take a look at the wording
- 11 and make sure first that it's clear what we mean, and then
- 12 recognize that ties into your one-size-fits-all comment.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: The next comment I have
- is on Table 1, at the bottom of page 12-21. So if you go
- 15 and reference to Chapter 15, the septic tank minimum
- 16 distance to well for septic tanks for water supply wells is
- 17 a hundred feet from a public water supply to a septic. So
- 18 I'm wondering why we have 50 feet. And I'm going to pull
- 19 up Chapter 15.
- MS. THOMPSON: Did you mean Chapter 25, the
- 21 small wastewater chapter?
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, 25.
- MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sorry.
- 25 MS. THOMPSON: That's okay. I wanted to

- 1 make sure --
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I can't read my own
- 3 handwriting.
- 4 MS. THOMPSON: I wanted to make sure,
- 5 because I was thinking we had rescinded 15.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sorry.
- 7 MS. THOMPSON: But it's --
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It's so hard to keep
- 9 track of what's in -- there's so many rules we've looked at
- 10 over the years, it's hard to keep track of the chapter
- 11 names. So, yes, I meant Chapter 25. I apologize. I was
- 12 just going to pull it up, so I have it.
- Okay. So Chapter 25 is septic tanks, soil
- 14 absorption systems, and other small wastewater systems.
- 15 And it's requiring a hundred feet so -- and I can -- I can
- 16 search for that, if you want.
- 17 MR. HENDON: If you look at page 25-8, the
- 18 top line for wells, the offset distance for the well to a
- 19 septic tank is 50 feet. To the absorption system in
- 20 Chapter 25 shows 100 feet. And the proposed Chapter 12, we
- 21 have 200 feet.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I'm looking at
- 23 septic tank, not the absorption. So looking at Table 4 in
- 24 Chapter 25, Public Water Supply Wells, minimum horizontal
- 25 setbacks for domestic wastewater in feet from public water

- supply well to a septic tank or equivalent is a hundred,
- 2 and here it's 50. So I'm on -- I don't have line numbers,
- 3 but it's in -- it's the second row in Table 4.
- 4 MR. HENDON: Yep. I agree with you.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: We will review both tables
- 7 and make any corrections to Chapter 12.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 9 MR. HENDON: Thank you, Lorie.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And how do you know --
- 11 I'm not sure where I -- can't always follow my thinking.
- 12 So small wastewater systems defined -- oh, okay.
- 13 In 35-11-103(c)(ix), a single residential unit serving no
- 14 more than four families or 2,000 gallons per day -- gallons
- 15 sewage per day is for a small wastewater system, and I'm
- 16 wondering if that might be a place to help us with small
- 17 public water supplies. You know, I don't know.
- MR. HENDON: That 2,000 --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I don't know what the
- 20 answer is for how to define a de minimis that could be more
- 21 flexible. So that's a place to look.
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. I 'm understanding
- 23 your comment. We can consider that, but that might be a
- 24 long-term project, particularly if we're going to propose
- 25 statute changes, that's going to require legislative

- 1 authority to do that. But we'll think about that. We
- 2 understand what you're asking us to consider.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then in
- 4 Table 12, septic tank distance -- isolation distance for
- 5 domestic sewage flows greater than 2,000 gallons per day,
- 6 septic tank you have 50 feet. And then Table 7 of Chapter
- 7 25, which I have to find. I believe it's a hundred --
- 8 hundred feet again. So there's a disconnect.
- 9 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. We will do the same
- 10 corrections there.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Next comment --
- 12 question I have is on line 6961, says --
- 13 THE REPORTER: Lorie, can you keep your
- 14 voice up when you read.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sorry. Okay.
- 16 So line 60 talks about -- well, starting at line
- 17 57. So it's 11(e) -- so hard to do this -- (ii)(C). "If
- 18 domestic wastewater is the only wastewater present and the
- 19 design domestic sewage flow is greater than 10,000 gallons
- 20 per day, or non-domestic wastewater is present the required
- 21 isolation shall be determined by a subsurface study in
- 22 accordance with the requirements with Water Quality Rules
- 23 Chapter 3, Section 17(b), but shall not be less than those
- 24 required in Tables 1 and 2 of this Section."
- 25 So I wrote I'm confused because when I went to

- 1 Chapter 3, Section 17(b), public water supplies are exempt
- 2 from 3-17(b) in the opening paragraph Section 17, unless I
- 3 misunderstood it. Maybe you can --
- 4 MR. HENDON: I have this is the --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I don't have it pulled
- 6 up. Maybe you can pull it up, Gina, and look at it.
- 7 MS. THOMPSON: This particular one I know
- 8 we discussed it with our attorney. I'm just trying to find
- 9 the response, because she explained -- and I don't want to
- 10 word it improperly and confuse the record, so...
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Do you want to get back
- 12 on that one?
- 13 MS. ZYGMUNT: We will note it. Again, I'm
- 14 recalling that conversation with our attorney as well. I'm
- 15 feeling confident that that is the appropriate language,
- 16 but we will double-check that --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 18 MS. ZYGMUNT: -- and run it by Nicole as
- 19 well.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Get back with us on
- 21 that.
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: We can respond back to the
- 23 Board at some point, yeah.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great. And
- 25 again I'm going to bring up the acidizing section. Where

- 1 does that start? Oh, it starts on line 993. And last
- 2 meeting we talked a little about -- little bit about
- 3 acidizing, and that there was a situation, was it in
- 4 Gillette, where DEQ thought the problem was from
- 5 acidization procedures, but then it turned out not to be.
- 6 And that that had brought up issues that hadn't maybe
- 7 addressed.
- 8 And someplace else in here, in this chapter,
- 9 there's actually -- no, it's in response to comments, where
- 10 you say, well, we're not going to address that because it
- 11 doesn't happen very often in Wyoming, or wherever. So I
- 12 just want to point out that if this acidizing -- you know,
- 13 we're talking about a page on acidizing, if it hasn't
- 14 happened yet. So it is kind of regulating for the
- 15 unhappened [sic] or the anticipated issue, whereas in the
- 16 other place, you know, you bring up we don't have to worry
- 17 about it, it doesn't happen much in Wyoming. So in my mind
- 18 that's a little bit of a --
- MR. HENDON: A disconnect?
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- disconnect. And I
- 21 would suggest removing this acidizing stuff, and maybe it
- 22 belongs in the policy that you're, you know -- because --
- 23 MS. ZYGMUNT: The concern's noted. And we
- 24 can look in the response to comments and see a further one
- 25 that you're thinking of, if we need to provide some more

- 1 rationale. It is my intent to keep the well acidization
- 2 language in the rule at this time. I feel, again, the
- 3 Gillette-Madison, while it ultimately did not prove to be
- 4 the acidizing activities, it does raise some concerns that
- 5 we could tighten up our regulations to make sure that we
- 6 are protecting public water supplies, individual
- 7 homeowners' wells, during those activities, even if it's
- 8 not occurring very often or we think it's unlikely to
- 9 occur. And I'm speaking partly on behalf of my predecessor
- 10 who felt that it was important to keep this language in the
- 11 rule.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I guess I just feel
- 13 like it's new -- a new day, you know.
- 14 MS. ZYGMUNT: I will note that the Board
- 15 approved this language in 2019.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. I know that.
- 17 MS. ZYGMUNT: So we have had these
- 18 discussions before. So at this time I'm not willing to
- 19 take that language out of the rule. But I understand your
- 20 concerns, and we can be consistent in our rationale.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And especially with
- 22 trying to keep the rules concise --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Sure.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- and shorten the
- 25 rules, so -- and if it -- if you had any policy and then it

- 1 were to become an issue down the road -- you know, if you
- 2 have it in policy, then it's in there for people as a
- 3 quidance.
- 4 MS. ZYGMUNT: The key there is if it's a
- 5 policy, it is not regulatorily enforceable. And so if we
- 6 had concerns where we needed to take actions on these
- 7 rules, it needs to be in the rule and not a policy.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I'm trying to
- 9 remember I just have a note that on 1062 -- 1061, I think
- 10 Ben Jordan had brought up that gravel pack wells. It's not
- 11 really appropriate to have them gravel packed. You know,
- 12 so I think -- I'm not -- I can't remember what your
- 13 response was, but I think the response was you aren't going
- 14 to change it.
- 15 MR. HENDON: We're planning not to change
- 16 it. But if you also notice, we did change the language to
- 17 include filter pack. Depending on the documents that you
- 18 utilize or you read, gravel pack is a common term when
- 19 doing wells. So filter pack is another terms that's used
- 20 with regards to wells and providing that packing material.
- 21 So we've provided both options, I guess both conventions
- 22 with regards to the section. Going through the 10 States
- 23 Standards, everything they reference is gravel pack.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So do they have a
- 25 definition of gravel pack? We're not talking about big

- 1 pieces of gravel, as -- which would not be appropriate,
- 2 so...
- 3 MR. HENDON: Yep. And also note we did
- 4 talk this comment over with Ben, and he was -- he thought
- 5 our solution was a good one.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. All right.
- 7 That's fine with me, then.
- 8 MR. HENDON: And I would say that when we
- 9 met them, with their commenters, we did come to a mutual
- 10 understanding.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great. That
- 12 sounds good.
- 13 MR. HENDON: So what we were intending to
- 14 move forward with.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 16 MS. ZYGMUNT: And, Madam Chairwoman, if I
- 17 could interject. We're at 2:30, just a little bit past. I
- 18 think we have about an hour or less for Mr. Deurloo to get
- 19 to his commitment. I would like to make sure we review the
- 20 rest of the rule to make sure we get the Board's advice on
- 21 all the sections. So while I don't want to rush the
- 22 conversation, this is productive, I would just like to keep
- 23 an eye on the time to make sure we can accommodate the
- 24 board member.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Let me see if I can

- 1 push it back a little bit too.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We have the room until
- 3 4:00; is that correct?
- 4 MS. THOMPSON: Uh-huh.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I have until 4:00
- 7 too. So thanks.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then -- okay. On
- 9 line 1089, on page 12-25, with regards to flowing wells.
- 10 It says "Overflows shall discharge a minimum of 18 inches
- 11 above grade..." and those wells, it's going to be hard to
- 12 protect from freezing, so how do you -- you know, if the
- 13 water's not flowing back into the well, why -- why couldn't
- 14 you also, you know, allow a below-ground vault or be in the
- 15 side of a hill or being partially buried or something that
- 16 can allow additional ways to keep the wells from freezing,
- 17 because if you have -- if you're not, you know, you get a
- 18 cold snap and got water in that part of the well.
- MR. HENDON: We can look at that comment
- 20 and see if we do not have it addressed somewhere else in
- 21 the section.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then on line 1095,
- 23 in the mineralized water, the -- one of the commenters
- 24 wanted it to be put up to a thousand, and we have it
- 25 defined back in the front as 500. So I guess one of the

- 1 things -- and this might not be the place for it, but the
- 2 total dissolved solids is a secondary standard from EPA,
- 3 and not at 500 and not a primary drinking water standard,
- 4 so I'm just thinking -- and they consider anything over a
- 5 thousand to be un -- unfit for human consumption. So there
- 6 are mineralized water sources that people are using in
- 7 Wyoming. So when we get back to the definition, if we
- 8 could allow up to the thousand, you know -- so are we --
- 9 because it's being used in the state -- it's being used
- 10 successfully, so --
- 11 MR. HENDON: Yeah, I think it was -- so
- 12 the -- we did discuss this with the commenter as well. We
- 13 did leave it at the 500, as existing in our current Chapter
- 14 12. Of the 16, 17 or so commenters, we only did receive
- 15 the one comment with regards to mineralized water. We did
- 16 leave it at the 500 secondary requirement.
- 17 MS. THOMPSON: Additionally, in the comment
- 18 response we are requiring treatment. We're just saying if
- 19 you are encountering that mineralized water with the TDS,
- 20 we just want to protect that new well from that. So we
- 21 aren't requiring treatments down to -- we aren't requiring
- 22 treatment of that mineralized water.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 24 MS. THOMPSON: It's that we don't want it
- 25 mixing with other nonmineralized water.

- 1 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 2 MS. THOMPSON: Because obviously you if
- 3 hadn't planned on treating it and you had an incident, now
- 4 you get to treat, right?
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. But then we go
- 6 down to line 1103, applications that propose to use
- 7 mineralized water as a public water supply shall
- 8 demonstrate the treatment will comply with the Drinking
- 9 Water Quality Standards required by 40 CFR. Now, 40 CFR
- 10 141 has both the secondary and primary drinking water
- 11 standards in it. So if you say you must comply with this,
- 12 now you're taking a secondary standard and saying you must
- 13 comply with a secondary standard. And I'm -- it seems
- 14 like -- in the -- it seems like that needs to be reworded.
- 15 So maybe you say shall demonstrate the treatment will
- 16 comply with the Primary Drinking Water Quality Standards
- 17 required by 40 CFR 141. So you're not implying they're
- 18 going to have to treat to a secondary standard, so...
- 19 MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll look into clarifying
- 20 that.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: On line 11 -- 1112, so
- 22 1-1-1-2, (viii), the casing shall be a required size to
- 23 convey liquid. I think the word "size" is kind of
- 24 indeterminate. Are we talking about length? Are talking
- 25 about, you know, interior -- inside diameter, whatever? So

- 1 perhaps I think you're meaning diameter. So maybe just
- 2 change it. I don't know if you mean -- I'm okay with
- 3 either -- just leave it at diameter. Not inside or
- 4 outside, but just diameter.
- 5 MR. HENDON: Okay.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then I would --
- 7 after pressure -- so "Casing shall be of required diameter
- 8 to convey liquid at a specified injection/recovery rate and
- 9 pressure," then you had ", shall be a required size..." So
- 10 I think you can just go "comma and" to allow for sampling.
- 11 So -- and then I think then Jordan had mentioned
- 12 in one of his comments that all of (viii) could be -- and
- 13 (ix) could be deleted if you incorporated the 10 States
- 14 Standards 3.2.4. And so I had -- I didn't understand why
- you wouldn't just incorporate by reference 3.2.4.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: You want this here?
- 17 Anthony, you want this?
- 18 MR. RIVERS: Are you done with it?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah. Go ahead.
- MR. RIVERS: Thank you.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Thank you.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I mean, I quess that's
- 23 something just to take away and not necessarily answer
- 24 today. But I thought, you know, if all of that -- all
- 25 Section 3.2.4 looked good, since you're already

- 1 incorporating by standard -- by reference --
- 2 MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll look at that one, Madam
- 3 Chairwoman.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. On line 1179, in
- 5 your response to comments you said you would change this to
- 6 say the finished grade should slope at 1 inch per foot, and
- 7 it didn't get changed in my copy, so just -- I'm sorry. I
- 8 said see my note, now I don't know where my note is.
- 9 Sorry.
- 10 Okay. Okay. I have a question on line 1198,
- 11 where it says "Each well shall have a device capable of
- 12 measuring the total well discharge and shall have a device
- 13 capable of measuring the total discharge from the field if
- 14 there's more than one pump in operation. And I just -- I
- 15 don't understand why the total well filled -- like if each
- 16 well meant -- it's just a question. I don't understand it.
- 17 If each well measures its flow, why need each well to
- 18 measure total discharge from the whole field? Why wouldn't
- 19 you just add them up? So I'm missing something.
- 20 MR. HENDON: Yeah, I thought we changed
- 21 this.
- 22 MS. THOMPSON: If that's easier, we had a
- 23 discussion with the commenter where -- because it was one
- 24 of Mr. Jordan's comments.
- 25 MR. HENDON: Yeah, I thought we changed

- 1 this to just a meter at each well.
- MS. THOMPSON: I thought so too.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great. Good.
- 4 MR. HENDON: So to do just what you said.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great. I missed
- 6 that.
- 7 MR. HENDON: I thought we changed that,
- 8 but --
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Good. Thank
- 10 you. It's a little hard when I think those changes came in
- 11 last night or something. Okay.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Madam Chair.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yes.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: You guys already
- 15 have a requirement to meter at each well. I wonder if this
- one is more towards you need to measure the total -- or,
- 17 you know, some way to calculate the total field.
- 18 MR. HENDON: We can look at that and see if
- 19 that -- if it's just capable under meter at each well,
- 20 or -- because most systems should already have --
- 21 theoretically should have this data and the information and
- 22 technology available to capture that well field data and
- 23 provide that information.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: That's why I thought
- 25 this one was more leaning towards the total aquifer --

1	MR. HENDON: Gotcha. Gotcha.
2	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: production.
3	MR. HENDON: We'll look at it, clarify it.
4	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I have one more on
5	Section 11, and it's page 12-28, line 1240 to 1242 and I
6	believe in the response to comments you have said you'd
7	make a change, but I don't see the change in my copy, so
8	MR. HENDON: Thank you.
9	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. That's all I
10	have. Oh, wait a minute. One more.
11	For line [sic] 12-84, (vii), very last part of
12	the chapter, it says "Spring boxes shall comply with the
13	finished water storage requirement of Section 14 of this
14	Chapter," And I believe they're in Section 15.
15	MR. HENDON: You are correct.
16	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
17	MR. HENDON: Yep.
18	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And let's see, this
19	brings up my concern about small systems. So if springs
20	don't supply fire water, do they need these requirements,
21	so no air vents and all these associated problems with that
22	24 mesh screen and water levels in the spring aren't going
23	to fluctuate very much, half a foot or something. So it
24	seems like here's another example of where maybe we don't
25	have to

- 1 MR. HENDON: Again, I think we have to
- 2 ensure we're providing design standards that comply with
- 3 the enforcement agency.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Enough said,
- 5 huh?
- MR. HENDON: So we can --
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: See if there's wiggle
- 8 room.
- 9 MR. HENDON: We can pursue those options,
- 10 but, again, I would hate to put an entity behind the 8-ball
- 11 and have to pursue additional costs to upgrade their
- 12 system.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. All right.
- 14 Section 12.
- So I hope I'm going to get through these. I'm
- 16 afraid by 3:30 I'm not, but I'm trying. I don't want to
- 17 speak too fast for Kathy.
- 18 Okay. Section 12, the list of TSS things we're
- 19 citing are out of order, so it jumps from 3.4. -- 4.3.4.9
- 20 to 4.3.1. And 4.3.4.2 out of place. And 4.36, those are
- 21 out of place.
- 22 MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll double-check the order.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Then, yeah, 4.4.3 is
- out of place. (A), (b) and (d) are out of place.
- 25 MS. THOMPSON: We can go through and make

- 1 sure that is in the correct order.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Then when you list 4.6
- 3 on line 1302, when you list 4.6 through 4.6.14, that is all
- 4 of 4.6. So I think you should just state 4.6.
- 5 Then on line 1300, it says 4.4.5 --
- 6 THE REPORTER: Can you repeat those? I'm
- 7 sorry.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Sorry.
- 9 THE REPORTER: They just run together.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Line 1300, it
- 11 says 4.4.5 through 4.4.5, so it's the same thing.
- 12 MS. THOMPSON: So that's going to appear
- 13 several times in the remainder of that paragraph. So we
- 14 can go through and make those shorter as appropriate, if
- 15 there's -- if it's not including the whole section, we
- 16 would leave it in, but if it is including that whole
- 17 section, we'll take out that "through" for consistency with
- 18 how we're citing it in the rest of the chapter.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then I note that
- 20 when it's 4. -- no, you fixed that. Okay.
- 21 And then same thing with 9.3. It implies all of
- 22 it. So it should probably say through whatever. Okay.
- 23 I'll let you guys. I'll move on.
- 24 MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll do a thorough review of
- 25 all the TSS citations and make sure they're clear, so I

- 1 don't think we need to spend our time going through each of
- 2 those, recognizing that those are really good catches. We
- 3 will ensure we do a thorough review of those.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. On line -- let's
- 5 see. Page 12-36, I have a note -- oh, it just says -- I
- 6 think it could be changed to the maximum feed point
- 7 backpressure shall not exceed 110 psi unless a chlorine
- 8 solution pump is used, because then you go on "Where the
- 9 backpressure exceeds 110 psi, a chlorine solution pump
- 10 shall be used." I think that can just be shortened. Would
- 11 mean the same thing.
- 12 MS. ZYGMUNT: To the back -- I'm sorry.
- 13 Could you read --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So after not --
- 15 line 1581, after 110 psi, it would just state "unless a
- 16 chlorine feed solution pump gets used," and then get rid of
- 17 the next sentence.
- 18 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yep. Thank you. Understood.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I can go over this
- 20 other stuff with Gina. Go over this with Gina. Okay.
- 21 That's another one for Gina.
- 22 Okay. Line -- page 12-39, line 1748. This -- I
- 23 found reading this thing about -- about pipe diameters
- 24 really confusing to read, and so is it additional pipe
- 25 length above the minimum may be required in accordance with

- 1 the manufacturer's guidelines rather than additional pipe
- 2 diameters above the minimum? So -- the whole thing of
- 3 consisting of a minimum of 10 pipe diameters use straight
- 4 pipe upstream, are we talking about --
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Taking a 10-inch --
- 6 you have a 10-inch pipe, turn it on the side, it's going to
- 7 be 10-inch -- how many?
- 8 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Needs to be a
- 9 hundred inches above.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Needs to be hundred
- 11 inches above.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So could we say the
- 13 piping configuration shall consist of a minimum length
- 14 equivalent to 10 pipe diameters?
- MS. THOMPSON: I believe that language is
- 16 consistent with the EPA guidance manual. I believe that
- 17 they use the -- that's how they are gauging it --
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. All right.
- 19 MS. THOMPSON: -- is in pipe diameters.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Pretty typical
- 21 engineering speak.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Good.
- 23 All right. Page 12-41, line 1823. I don't think
- 24 there is hydrofluosilic acid. I think it's
- 25 hydrofluorosilicic acid. So I would spell it

- 1 h-y-d-r-o-f-l-u-o-r-o-s-i-l-i-c-i-c. And same on line
- 2 1831. I Googled that and couldn't find it.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: You're amazing.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm a nerd.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm a grammar nerd.
- 7 I'm the person who corrects books that I buy. It's a
- 8 curse, believe me.
- 9 Okay. I can go over these ones with Gina.
- 10 On line -- on page 12-43, line 1894, the word --
- 11 and the next line, the word "absorption" with a B, and
- 12 absorb is used. But granulated activating carbon adsorbs,
- 13 not absorbs. So those should be adsorption and adsorb.
- On page 12-44, line 1950, where you mention the
- 15 membrane filtration guidance manual, which I know is in the
- 16 back, but in order to find it in the back, could we add
- 17 that it's U.S. EPA Membrane Filtration Guides so that
- 18 somebody could go to the back under U. S. EPA?
- MS. ZYGMUNT: We can do that.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. All right. Then
- 22 on line 1964, we talk about "Bag and cartridge filters
- 23 shall comply with following requirements:" and then we say
- 24 "Facilities that proposed bag or cartridge filters shall
- 25 comply with the procedures..." So it seems like there's

- 1 some redundancy there. So maybe Gina and I can work on how
- 2 to shorten that up. Maybe bag and cartridge filters shall
- 3 comply with the following requirements, and then (i) would
- 4 be "...procedures identified in Section 6 of this Chapter."
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Uh-huh.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So I thank you for
- 7 fixing the -- the reference was for membrane filters,
- 8 should have been for bag and cartridges,, so good catch
- 9 there.
- 10 On line 2006 on the next page, you were going to
- 11 add "or shall demonstrate that combined filtration and
- 12 disinfection shall provide 3-log removal" and that didn't
- 13 get added on my copy.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Uh-huh.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. The next
- 16 question I have is on page 12-46, line 2030. And we talk
- 17 about simple well systems. And so it says "The sanitary
- 18 and laboratory waste from water treatment plants, pumping
- 19 stations or simple well systems shall not be recycled to
- 20 any part of the water plant." So my question is what's a
- 21 well system -- simple well system and where's it defined,
- 22 and what have you done differently for a not simple system?
- 23 So is there -- is there -- if it's not simple, what is it?
- MR. HENDON: We'll look into that and get
- 25 back to you.

- 1 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. All right.
- 2 Chapter 13. Section -- Chapter -- ah, Section 13.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I have just a couple
- 4 on 12.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Minor. Madam Chair.
- 7 So on page 12-33, line 1465, it states that
- 8 "...two identical pumps shall be provided." I might
- 9 recommend that say "...two pumps with similar
- 10 specifications," rather than being identical. Sometimes
- 11 they go out of stock, you know.
- 12 MR. HENDON: You can only get what they
- 13 got.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Yeah. Then just
- 15 kind of a note for punctuation on 12-37 -- on page 12-37, I
- 16 recommend consistency. I see you have (ii), and then you
- 17 go down (a) ends with semicolon, (b) ends in semicolon, and
- 18 the (d) you stop with the semicolons. It should be
- 19 semicolon, semicolon all the way down, and then the period
- 20 isn't until the very end of the listing.
- 21 MS. THOMPSON: We'll check that to make
- 22 sure that there aren't any weird sentences in there, and
- 23 we'll correct the construction of the grammar at the end as
- 24 well.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: It's all over the

- 1 place, I've noticed it. I'm only pointing it out on this
- 2 page, but there's missing semicolons and colons.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Mr. Deurloo, what page is
- 4 that?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: This one's 12-37.
- 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: If I can just set
- 8 somebody down for an hour and I go through every one of
- 9 them.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah. Thanks.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I had something
- 12 else, but it was minor. No big deal.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Go ahead.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I don't remember
- 15 where it was.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Well, interrupt us if
- 17 you think of it.
- 18 Any other Board comments on Section 12?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: No, ma'am.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Hearing none,
- 21 Section 13, so...
- 22 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: 14 -- oh, 13.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: 13. In line 2094,
- 5.1.11, it says "...herein incorporated by reference for
- 25 day tanks," but 5.1.11 is day tanks. So I think we can

- delete "...is herein incorporated."
- 2 MS. THOMPSON: I see that happening in that
- 3 section. We will take that out.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I'm on Section
- 5 14. We might actually get through Section 16 today. Okay.
- 6 Pumping Facilities. So line 12 -- on page 12-49, the very
- 7 top of the page, line 2165 through 2167, (iv). And we're
- 8 talking here about "Pump design shall comply with the
- 9 following requirements:" It seems like to me -- and I'm
- 10 not an engineer, but "The calculated total dynamic head for
- 11 pumping units shall be based on pipe friction, pressure
- 12 losses from pipe entrances, exits, appurtenances such as
- 13 valves and bends, static head of the design flow." To me
- 14 that seems like really unnecessarily prescriptive. That an
- 15 engineer doing the design is going to know that. It's kind
- 16 of like -- I don't know.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: If you're building a
- 18 house, make sure you have a roof and walls and floor?
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. Yeah. Exactly.
- 20 That's a good analogy.
- 21 MR. HENDON: It kind of goes along those
- 22 lines of what Board Member Deurloo had to say.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I would think if
- 24 they're designing it, if they have to take that into
- 25 account, just didn't seem like we need to mention it.

- 1 So...
- 2 Okay. My last comment on Section -- oh, I have
- 3 editorials, so...
- 4 I don't understand what 2209 through 2211 means.
- 5 Each pump shall either have an individual suction line or
- 6 the lines shall have multiple suction lines that
- 7 demonstrates similar hydraulic and operating conditions.
- 8 Oh, it's an "or."
- 9 MS. THOMPSON: So this was -- this was an
- 10 edit that we did to address a comment on the term
- 11 manifolded. So the line previously read that each pump
- 12 shall either -- each pump shall have an individual suction
- 13 line or the line shall be manifolded such that they will
- 14 ensure similar hydraulic and operating conditions. And I
- 15 believe the manifolded was being used in an unusual and
- 16 unclear way. So the -- in order to keep the intent of the
- 17 passage, we reworked it so that each pump shall either have
- 18 an individual suction line or shall have multiple suction
- 19 lines that demonstrate similar hydraulic and operating
- 20 conditions.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I don't understand that
- 22 they demonstrate similar hydraulic and operating
- 23 conditions. So similar between --
- 24 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Each other.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- each of the multiple

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1 lines? 2 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And what about the 4 individual --BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Basically what it's 5 saying is you can have a pump with, say, one 4-inch inlet 6 or three 2-inch inlets coming into it, and it would have 7 8 similar flow characteristics on the inflow of the pump. ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So the demonstrating 9 10 similar hydraulic operating conditions is not between the 11 multiple suction lines, it's between each of the multiple suction lines. It's between --12 1.3 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: It's the pumps. BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: It's the pumps. 14 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: So you want your 15 pumps to have the same pressure and flow so they're pulling 16 the same amount from the suction lines. If not, one's 17 18 pulling more than the other. 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So they'll have multiple suction lines that demonstrate similar hydraulic 20 21 and operating conditions to the individual suction line.

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that doesn't understand it.

so somebody like me understands it? Maybe I'm the only one

BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Individual pumps.

ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Can you maybe reword it

- 1 MR. HENDON: Perhaps we can break up that
- 2 sentence so that it's clear it's just for hydraulic
- 3 operating conditions for one pump, period. Multiple pumps
- 4 need to operate under similar hydraulic conditions. So we
- 5 can address that.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: No, it doesn't tell
- 7 you about one pump.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It's one pump. It's
- 9 still one pump. That's why it's confusing.
- 10 THE REPORTER: One at a time.
- 11 MR. HENDON: Got ya. Yes. I'm with you.
- 12 We'll address it so we address the suction lines versus
- 13 singular or multiple.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Sorry. I'm good.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Anybody on the Board
- 17 have anything on Section 14 or Section 15?
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I don't.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I don't have any
- 20 comments.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: No?
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I'm good.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Section 15. I think
- 24 it's in response to comments here where BDOR said their
- 25 existing tanks don't meet this 7.0.2 finished water storage

- 1 structures, and that is an example where the response to
- 2 the comments is.
- 3 MR. HENDON: Yeah. And that's Board of
- 4 Public Utilities. They had several existing tanks that I
- 5 believe do not meet the partially buried or buried tank
- 6 requirements. But, again, their tanks would still comply
- 7 with the operating as a storage tank under their original
- 8 permit.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So this is where you
- 10 mentioned the requirements for modifications that I talked
- 11 about in kind of a general comment in the response. So
- 12 you're going to issue a permit to modify the facility and
- 13 it's not really answering the question. I think their
- 14 question is what are we going to do because our existing
- 15 tanks don't meet this design criteria. And I think the
- 16 answer is going to be as long as you don't modify them
- 17 you're okay. So...
- 18 MR. HENDON: Excuse me. We did sit down
- 19 with the Board of Public Utilities. We met with Bryce
- 20 Dorr, Frank Strong, and we walked them through our comments
- 21 and our response to comments. And we listened to their
- 22 concerns and they understood that their tank would remain
- 23 in compliance. When they came back to us and they needed
- 24 to do a vent or should they need to address some other
- 25 issue, we would definitely work with them on their tank and

- 1 their existing tank that was originally permitted.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And again, I
- 3 always come up with the same thought in my head when we
- 4 hear that existing things that are working and operating
- 5 fine, are we imposing some kind of overkill for it --
- MR. HENDON: Yeah. And --
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- or do we have to.
- 8 MR. HENDON: And again, we're more than
- 9 happy to work with systems and entities should there be a
- 10 concern from EPA on having to address the significant
- 11 deficiency that was extremely burdensome or unrealistic for
- 12 their facility. We're happy to further that discussion and
- 13 work with those communities.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, I do
- 15 have one question. I've got one. Page 12-51, line 2290.
- 16 It says installation of a number 4 mesh noncorrodible
- 17 screen. Is that supposed to be number 4 or is it supposed
- 18 to be number 24?
- MR. HENDON: That is number 4.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Number 4. Okay.
- 21 Just making sure.
- 22 MR. HENDON: On that one they do get the
- 23 number 4 option so long as they have a mechanical device.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Got it. Okay.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's all I have on

- 1 15.
- I haven't gone through my responses to comments
- 3 as I'm going through. So I might have to cross-reference
- 4 if we have time, come back to that.
- 5 Section 16, anybody on the Board have comments?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Not at this time.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I'm good.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: You're good? Okay.
- 9 I've got questions on page 12-54 on line 2408
- 10 about manholes. And this was a comment that I believe --
- 11 page -- page 46 of comments. So this was brought up by
- 12 actually several people. This is 16(g), so Dayton Alsaker,
- 13 Jeffrey Rosenlund. And so one -- okay. One general
- 14 comment in response to comments by saying we considered
- 15 this comment, the requirement is an existing one that was
- 16 previously located. To me if we're updating the
- 17 regulations because they're 40 years old, we should be
- 18 looking at existing ones, if we don't need to be doing
- 19 them, we should be changing them. I don't think it's just
- 20 good enough to say, well, it was already existing, so
- 21 therefore we're good. I think we need to look into whether
- 22 it makes sense.
- 23 So the old rules should be updated in another way
- 24 besides adding more requirements, maybe removing some if
- 25 they're unnecessary. And so I think that having -- you

- 1 know, manholes are really hard to keep water out of. And
- 2 to say -- you just make a manhole that keeps the water out,
- 3 I don't think that is really very good. So let's say you
- 4 try to coat it. Concrete -- if it's concrete manhole,
- 5 they're going to leak, even if you coat the surface. If
- 6 you -- you know, if you -- if it's fiberglass, it can
- 7 float. If it does flood, which a lot of manholes do flood,
- 8 you're going to get a lot of really rusty piping and valves
- 9 and stuff down in there, really hard to manipulate when
- 10 they're rusty. And also to get down in there is a whole
- 11 safety issue. There's a whole entry into confined spaces
- 12 issue. So I want -- I think it was Jeffrey Rosenlund said
- 13 let's look at valve boxes. Well, to me that's a really
- 14 good idea.
- 15 MR. HENDON: Yeah, and they do have that
- 16 under chambers.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Excuse me?
- 18 MR. HENDON: The section in question,
- 19 manholes or chambers for automatic air relief valves shall
- 20 be designed to prevent submerging the valve with
- 21 groundwater or with surface water.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: So chambers is --
- MR. HENDON: I think they can --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Is a valve box.
- 25 MR. HENDON: I think they can have that

- 1 option.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I guess I didn't
- 3 understand what chambers was.
- MR. HENDON: It can also be a concrete box.
- 5 It could be --
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 7 MR. HENDON: But we can go back and we can
- 8 provide a better option or clarification on it.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then -- and
- 10 then what about having like let's say a valve box or
- 11 chamber, which I don't understand that term. But on either
- 12 side of the creek, rather than directly under the creek.
- MR. HENDON: We're not recommending a box
- 14 in the creek. We're recommending it on either side of the
- 15 creek.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 17 MR. HENDON: That's our recommendation.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MR. HENDON: And to ensure that it's far
- 20 enough away from the creek you're not going to have
- 21 groundwater issues. We're not recommending putting in a
- 22 manhole, chamber, meter pit, meter box.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So you have to be above
- 24 the flood line?
- 25 MR. HENDON: It doesn't have to be above

- 1 the flood line.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Because you might have
- 3 to go very far.
- 4 MR. HENDON: But you might have to go very
- 5 far. But we're recommending it on either side of that
- 6 crossing, whatever that crossing might be, and to ensure --
- 7 to the best -- again, understanding your site conditions to
- 8 the best of their ability to put it in a safer, less moist
- 9 environment.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So maybe just
- 11 look at the wording on chambers, because that was not --
- MR. HENDON: Sure, we can address that.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- obvious to me.
- Okay. That's all I have on Section 16.
- 15 Anybody have anything on Section 17 or 18 or 19
- 16 from the Board?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I do not. Not at
- 18 this time.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I have nothing on 17.
- 20 Nothing on 18. And I just had a question, when we were
- 21 talking about you added in NSF61. Can you tell me -- show
- 22 me where that is on here? I didn't see it added in.
- MS. THOMPSON: It's Section 19(a)(iii),
- 24 line 2791. It's American National Standards Institute.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. So I

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- 1 guess I was looking for green, because it -- I think the
- 2 comments said you added that in. So thank you. That
- 3 answers that.
- 4 Okay. That does my comments on -- it's 3:15. Do
- 5 you need to leave at 3:30, you don't.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I need by 3:45.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, if I can
- 8 back up to a previous comment you asked for response on, on
- 9 page 1222.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I'm sorry, Jennifer.
- 11 Can you repeat that.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. Page 1222.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: 1222.
- 14 MS. ZYGMUNT: And recognizing we will check
- 15 the distances, Table 1, Table 2, there was a comment
- 16 regarding (c) on that page, starting on line 957. Gina did
- 17 find summary of our Attorney General's --
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Oh, great.
- 19 MS. ZYGMUNT: -- analysis of that. And her
- 20 interpretation is that is referring to specifically
- 21 Section -- or, I'm sorry, Chapter 3, Section 17(b). It
- 22 does not apply to all of Section 17 in the rule, which you
- 23 are correct is not applied public water systems. But this
- 24 cross-reference does make that 17(b) subsection applicable
- 25 in this scenario. It just means that the whole Section 17

- does not apply to public water systems.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: So we would propose leaving
- 4 that language as is based on her --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 Because I missed that, so...
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. It's a good question.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: All right. I'll try to
- 10 hold it to break.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Keep going, man.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: You're doing great.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Keep going.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So Section 3, somebody
- 15 had a question -- it's titled Timing of Compliance with
- 16 These Regulations, and I think somebody said there isn't
- 17 any timing. Well, can we just rename it like Applicability
- 18 of These Regulations or something that would --
- MR. HENDON: Coverage of these regulations?
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. Yeah.
- 21 MS. THOMPSON: Similarly worded -- titled
- 22 to other --
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MS. THOMPSON: -- things in other chapters,
- 25 which is why we thought to put it in here, it seemed

- 1 appropriate. And while it doesn't use the word "timing"
- 2 conceptually --
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Right.
- 4 MS. THOMPSON: -- it refers to --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It does refer to time.
- MS. THOMPSON: Yeah.
- 7 MS. ZYGMUNT: But we will consider that as
- 8 a broader global change. We'll talk about that with our
- 9 attorney.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So, let's see, the
- 11 mineralized water on page 12-4, you were going to talk
- 12 about. So here it is more than continual 500, so we'll
- 13 leave that.
- Okay. Section 6 -- and you guys on the Board,
- 15 please interrupt me if you have something.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: We will.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Section 6.
- 18 Okay. I'm conceptually really confused with the title of
- 19 the section and -- and (a) of that section. So it's
- 20 Facilities and Systems Not Specifically Covered by these
- 21 Standards is the title of Section 6. But then it goes on
- 22 "Each application for a permit to construct a facility
- 23 under this section shall be evaluated on a case-by-case
- 24 basis..." So I just get -- do you see where I'm confused?
- 25 Facilities are not covered, but then everything covered is

- 1 evaluated on case-by-case, so...
- 2 MS. ZYGMUNT: So Madam Chairwoman, this
- 3 section gives the administrator some discretion to look at
- 4 systems that may not have been envisioned at the time you
- 5 wrote these rules, or new innovative technologies that
- 6 still meet the intent of this rule, and gives me the
- 7 authority to work with my staff on a case-by-case basis to
- 8 permit that accordingly, if it does not specifically fall
- 9 within, you know, the specifications that we've outlined.
- 10 We would look at those kind of pilot projects very closely,
- 11 but that is the intent of this section, if that helps
- 12 answer your question.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: All right. On line
- 14 2 -- that's editorial. I'll go over that with Gina.
- All right. So page 12-6, line 264, when we're
- 16 talking about these two individual permits, and we
- 17 originally had initially issued permits, so it seems to me
- 18 there's two permits in order. There's a first one and then
- 19 there's the next one. So by taking out the word
- 20 "initially" on line 266, I'm wondering if we're still
- 21 confusing things because it still says the issue permit and
- 22 there's two of them. So can we say something like the
- 23 first issued permit?
- 24 MR. HENDON: So Gina and I had discussions
- 25 on this one as well, with regards to when a permit is

- 1 issued there's only one permit number issued for that
- 2 facility. And so the language that we came up with was to
- 3 follow that one permit number issuance. Perhaps there's
- 4 still a better way to revise this.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So there aren't two
- 6 individual permits. There's only one. So on line 264, am
- 7 I understanding you to say there's only one permit?
- 8 MS. THOMPSON: There's one permit number.
- 9 There are two authorizations.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 11 MS. THOMPSON: Which is bureaucratic,
- 12 right?
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MS. THOMPSON: But it's potato, potato.
- 15 But essentially they apply, we give them one number. And
- 16 then when they follow those additional steps in that
- 17 section, they submit additional information and we give
- 18 them an additional written authorization.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MS. THOMPSON: So it's --
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Who are you
- 22 authorizing? Are you authorizing the applicant or are you
- 23 authorizing the well?
- 24 MR. THOMPSON: I believe that we're
- 25 authorizing the applicant to construct the well, and then

- 1 we are authorizing connection of the well to their
- 2 distribution system.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay. Madam Chair,
- 4 I might recommend that we restate that sentence. Say of
- 5 the administrative -- administrator, whoever it is, will
- 6 authorize the applicant to construct, develop, and test the
- 7 well for the applicable issued permit.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: How about the first
- 9 line, 264, we say for applications that include wells, the
- 10 individual permit will be issued in two phases. Or there
- 11 are two phases, something like that. That -- in two -- in
- 12 two steps. So there's really not -- now you're telling me
- 13 there's not two individual permits, there's really only
- 14 one.
- MS. THOMPSON: They get an initial
- 16 authorization, and they get a second authorization to
- 17 connect.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. For applications
- 19 that include wells, the individual permits will be issued
- 20 as follows:
- 21 MS. THOMPSON: I think potentially --
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Initially -- the
- 23 applicant will be authorized to --
- 24 MR. HENDON: It's two authorizations.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- contest the well,

- 1 and, second, the applicant will be required to submit --
- MR. HENDON: Right. So I think we can
- 3 re-word it for authorizations and for their permit, step
- 4 one --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 6 MR. HENDON: -- step two.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: And you're not --
- 9 you're authorizing the applicant to construct the well,
- 10 then you're authorizing the applicant to develop and test
- 11 the well, right? Was that your phases?
- 12 MR. HENDON: All of that would be one
- 13 phase. Connecting it --
- 14 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Got it.
- 15 MR. HENDON: -- would be the second phase.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. On line -- oh,
- 17 that's editorial. Okay.
- 18 Then on the next page, (iii), there's the word
- 19 "initial appearance" on line 280, and then it's been struck
- 20 from 283. So just continue with whatever you come up with
- 21 for that.
- 22 I'm on to Section 8. We might even finish.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Heck yeah.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Heck yeah.
- MR. HENDON: Heck yeah.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Did you get that,
- 2 Kathy?
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. I have a note
- 4 that line 302 -- I'm not sure I understand my note right
- 5 now. Parts -- so TSS parts 1.2 through 1.6, my note says
- 6 has better info than Section 8(e), so maybe I'm thinking
- 7 it's good to follow that and maybe delete some of 8(e) if
- 8 it's already in 1.3 through 1.6, but I don't have the
- 9 specifics right now.
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: So my understanding, just to
- 11 make sure, that the TSS references aren't duplicative with
- 12 what we have in --
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, if it's
- 14 duplicative, take it out.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: On line 338, the old
- 17 wording was "or" before. So the bottom line is within 10
- 18 feet of streams and lakes or the waterline across streams
- 19 or lakes. So I'm questioning whether "and" or "or" is
- 20 correct there on line 338. So just to --
- MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll check that.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. Okay.
- 23 The next -- the next comment I have -- actually
- 24 this one came from Ben Jordan. On page 12-9, on his -- his
- 25 response for (e), all of (e), was that basically including

- 1 this here -- he used the word "bizarre," that this was
- 2 bizarre. And I would agree, because we're talking about
- 3 plans, and -- okay, well, first of all, TSS 1.1.2(f) has
- 4 (i) and (ii). But to go over the assembled order, size,
- 5 and length of casing and liners, casing wall thickness,
- 6 grouting depths -- grouting depths was in the TSS.
- 7 MR. HENDON: Madam Chair.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- 9 MR. HENDON: So in talking with Ben about
- 10 this comment, his "bizarre" reference was to require all of
- 11 this information on a plan and profile drawing.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: In the plan as well as
- in the profile drawing.
- MS. THOMPSON: No, it was on the drawing.
- 15 MR. HENDON: So his comment was requiring
- 16 this on a profile drawing does not make sense for well
- 17 construction.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MR. HENDON: I would agree. So we changed
- 20 the verbiage so that plans for well construction shall
- 21 include. The very first statement here at 380, originally
- 22 it said "plans and profile drawings for well construction
- 23 shall include," to which Ben said, This is bizarre. Why
- 24 would I include this on a profile? Because a profile
- 25 doesn't provide --

1	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
2	MR. HENDON: the information.
3	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
4	MR. HENDON: It's just going to provide you
5	a point on the map where that well is going to be located.
6	Your plans and drawings are going to have the rest of this
7	information requested below item (e) here.
8	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. But as we move
9	along, further down, we start to get into (xii), well test
10	data including, and then all these things, static water
11	level, depth of test pumping pump setting, time of
12	starting and ending each test cycle, drawdown, you're not
13	going to know that when you've got plans. That's all
14	later. So I look at everything well, test data is stuff
15	that, you know, you're not going to be able to get. So at
16	this point, you need that information after they've
17	developed the well and tested it, and so
18	MR. HENDON: And perhaps we could right
19	there at (xii), well test data concluding, if available. I
20	know a number of times Water Development Commission will
21	pay for a well to be built, constructed, things of that
22	nature, prior to coming in to getting permitted
23	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great.
24	MR. HENDON: for a public water system.
25	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: If available.

1	MR. HENDON: And so that information may
2	already be readily available.
3	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Good.
4	MR. HENDON: Based on those activities by
5	water development.
6	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And that's the
7	same for location of any blast charges.
8	MR. HENDON: Correct.
9	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's also yeah.
10	So just look through that list, and so and then on
11	line go back up to 406, the page before. From the
12	ground surface to the total depth of the drill, something's
13	missing there. I don't know what's supposed to
14	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Drilled well?
15	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. Drilled wells?
16	well? I don't know.
17	MR. HENDON: Which one?
18	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: But then
19	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Line 406.
20	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. And then
21	MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll make that correction.
22	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then the other

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23 details to describe the proposed well completely. That's

formations penetrated, you might not know that on an

in the TSS. Water levels in the TSS. And, again,

- 1 exploration well, but you're not -- so, again, that's the
- 2 if available category. So --
- 3 And then Section 9, and then we're done. So I'll
- 4 try to get this done in 15 minutes.
- 5 On line 572, on page 12-13, one of the commenters
- 6 was looking for a definition of aquifer. Is it okay to say
- 7 "as defined in Wyoming Statute 41-3-901"? Are we allowed
- 8 to do that just to help them? Instead of in response to
- 9 comments, that's where you put it, so just --
- MS. THOMPSON: Not unless we're tying it to
- 11 an action.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 13 MS. THOMPSON: So if we wanted them to
- 14 demonstrate something based on that statutory citation,
- 15 then it's appropriate to include it. But if we're -- if
- 16 we're just saying like as a redirect, we're being advised
- 17 against doing that, because it's not -- it's not an
- 18 enforceable line. So we have to -- we have to structure
- 19 it --
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So even though they
- 21 have to provide the description of the geology of the
- 22 aguifer, you can't refer to --
- MS. THOMPSON: No. I'm saying that if
- 24 you want -- if you tie it to a statute, it has to be very
- 25 clear what you're bringing in from the statute. So, for

- instance -- and I'm not committing to doing this, I'm just
- 2 kind of giving an illustration -- we would say something to
- 3 the effect of a description of the geology of the aquifer
- 4 that demonstrates compliance with statute whatever, or a
- 5 description of the geology, you know, and overlying strata
- 6 that meets, you know, the description of -- you have to --
- 7 in order to bring in cross-references, whether it be to
- 8 other rules or statute, it has to have an action or a
- 9 timing.
- 10 So like let's say we had something in the statute
- 11 that says when you, you know, apply for a well under this
- 12 aquifer category, you know, thou shalt do this in addition
- 13 to the items at statute whatever. So we have to tie it to
- 14 an action --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MS. THOMPSON: -- or a timing.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, can we
- 18 put the definition of aquifer at the front in definitions?
- 19 Would that help?
- 20 MS. ZYGMUNT: I believe we discussed a
- 21 definition of aquifer, and if I recall correctly, the -- or
- 22 the input from our Attorney General is that that's a broad
- 23 enough term it does not require a definition in this rule.
- BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: That's interesting,

- 1 because --
- MS. THOMPSON: We're working with the SEO's
- 3 definition as well. And we have definitions of aquifer,
- 4 which may not be identical. But we're not governing the
- 5 aquifer here. The SEO is. So we were running into some
- 6 trickiness because we have overlapped with a sister agency
- 7 who has authority over that well construction. And we're
- 8 not determining the aquifer. We just want some
- 9 construction to happen, right?
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: I will revisit that question
- 11 with Nicole, our Attorney General, to see -- get her
- 12 thoughts on adding the definition. At this time I'm not
- 13 really inclined to. I think it's, for the purposes of this
- 14 rule --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, because it's
- 16 defined differently in different places.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: It is.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It's sticky, but that's
- 19 kind of why it's important maybe to provide a definition.
- 20 I don't know. Maybe it's okay not to do it, and then we
- 21 have some wiggle room, I mean is it perched water? You
- 22 know, it gets complicated.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: We'll look into that. We'll
- 24 provide a response either way. Again, we'll look at it in
- 25 the perspective of the context of this rule, though.

- 1 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. 12-13, line 579,
- 2 that (i) paragraph. Talking about some likely drilling and
- 3 completion challenges, and I feel like that will be faced,
- 4 including a description of drilling and completion
- 5 practice, blah, blah. It seems premature. This won't be
- 6 known beforehand. So, again, it would be back on to if
- 7 known from exploration wells or --
- 8 MR. HENDON: And I think within that
- 9 engineering design report provided to our district
- 10 engineers, we're looking to see if they're aware of any
- 11 difficult drilling areas, providing difficult information
- 12 or concerns that they may have to overcome --
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yes.
- 14 MR. HENDON: -- in regards to the
- 15 implementation of the project.
- ACTING CHAIR CAHN: If known.
- MR. HENDON: Basically if known.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: The fact.
- 19 MR. HENDON: Back to the if available,
- 20 perhaps.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah, is it important,
- 22 if known.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Madam Chair, so I
- 24 just noticed this. On that same line, line 579, we have a
- 25 repeat of (ii).

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- MS. THOMPSON: Yes, we do. 1 2 MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay. 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Good catch. 4 And then line 596, the information required in (e) of this section, I think it should be (f). 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Where? 6 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: On the next page, line 596. 8 9 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And then on 605 through 11 line 611, again, well bond logging in statement of completion and description of well from the SEO. Again, 12 13 that's not necessarily known ahead of time, so --14 MS. THOMPSON: That is actually under the 15 conversion of an existing well into a public water supply well. 16 17 MR. HENDON: Yeah. 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Oh, okay. It's from --MR. HENDON: So under item (g), engineering 19 design reports for conversion of existing well --20 21 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Oh, okay. Thank you. 22 MR. HENDON: -- into a public water supply

shall include -- and hopefully they do have that

information as it helps that process.

ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great. On page

- 1 12-15 -- hey, we're almost done with Section 9. One page
- 2 to go.
- This is under the hydraulic analysis that I --
- 4 demonstrates how a peak hour, average day, maximum day, and
- 5 maximum day plus fire flows..." I was going to say do we
- 6 need -- do we say if required or provided, will be improved
- 7 by upsizing, if appropriate, or something. It seemed a
- 8 little -- maybe this was inconsistent of Ben Jordan's. I'm
- 9 not sure.
- 10 MR. HENDON: Ben's was a little bit --
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Different.
- 12 MR. HENDON: Was a little bit different.
- 13 His comment was with regard to item I think (lii), "The
- 14 hydraulic model shall:" --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 16 MR. HENDON: -- be calibrated based on
- 17 existing fire hydrant test flow data when available --
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- MR. HENDON: -- or based on modeling.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So then my question is,
- 21 again, they won't always have fire flow. So if required or
- 22 provided or will be improved by upsizing if appropriate.
- 23 So just some wiggle room there.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah. And I think the
- 25 question -- are you looking at (li) of the modeling

- 1 result --
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: No. I'm looking above
- 3 that at lines -- I'm looking at (j)(A), (B) on the top of
- 4 the page, 12-15. Hydraulic analysis that demonstrates how
- 5 a peak hour, average day, maximum day --
- MR. HENDON: Uh-huh.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: -- fire flows will be
- 8 improved by upsizing.
- 9 MR. HENDON: Gotcha, yeah.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So wiggle room --
- 11 MR. HENDON: And providing an off-ramp if
- 12 required or if they --
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah.
- MR. HENDON: I see what you're saying.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And then -- then
- 16 we have -- I think Ben's comments were on line -- on (1),
- 17 on 662, for new water mains, how can we have a hydraulic
- 18 model -- I think -- did you fix that?
- MR. HENDON: We did.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Great.
- MR. HENDON: Yeah.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Yep.
- 23 Okay. That addresses my comments. Not the comment
- 24 responses, but my comments on the changes that were made,
- 25 things we saw. So I still might have a few comments on

- 1 comment responses, but we don't have time, so...
- 2 All right. So I think at this point, Jennifer,
- 3 why don't you tell us what you're looking at for us -- from
- 4 us.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes. Thank you, Madam
- 6 Chairwoman. So this has been incredibly valuable feedback,
- 7 a really good discussion, both at the December meeting and
- 8 this meeting. Really appreciate all the things that were
- 9 caught and the suggestions to places where we can be clear
- 10 and add some more flexibility when appropriate. So very
- 11 useful discussion.
- 12 What I am looking to do at this point is I feel
- 13 that we are ready to move forward to the EQC. I think we
- 14 have a good product. I think we can address your comments.
- 15 And any of your feedback today where we need to provide you
- 16 with a response, those would be documented and the feedback
- 17 goes to the EQC that summarizes our interactions with the
- 18 board and what your advice on this rule was.
- 19 So at this time I am looking forward to going to
- 20 the EQC. I would like to get your advice -- any further
- 21 advice on the rule. You are always welcome to not advise
- 22 us to move forward. If that is your decision, I would ask
- 23 for some very clear feedback as to why, so we can
- 24 communicate that -- communicate to the Environmental
- 25 Quality Council. Or if your motion is that you advise us

- 1 to move forward, to document any further feedback in
- 2 addition to the revisions that we noted have gone on in the
- 3 discussion today.
- 4 So that's my inclination at this time with this
- 5 rule.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I feel like we're not
- 7 quite there yet. I feel like we're much closer than we
- 8 were. But I think there was some comments that came in,
- 9 public comment today, that we haven't gotten back -- we
- 10 need to get back. And I think there's a few areas where we
- 11 say we're going to look at that, and I think there's enough
- 12 of them. So my personal feeling -- but I'm only one of the
- 13 board members. My personal feeling is we're not quite
- 14 ready, but we're close.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Understood.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: But I'm not comfortable
- 17 that we're close enough. Typically when our Board advises
- 18 we go to EQC, there's really editorial here, editorial
- 19 there. I don't think we're quite there yet.
- 20 And I also would maybe like to work with Keenan,
- 21 if I could, or with you, Jennifer, on the responses that --
- 22 you know, if -- I don't know if it's okay for me to work
- 23 directly with you guys on my comments on responses to
- 24 comments that don't affect making a change in rule, but
- 25 just in the -- but just in the responses to comments, maybe

- 1 we could work on those. I can give you my feedback. And
- 2 that wouldn't hold this up, but if that's okay. I don't
- 3 know if I have to do that at a board meeting or -- because
- 4 that's not saying this is a change I'd like to see in the
- 5 rules. This is how you address comments, so...
- 6 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes, Madam Chairwoman, thank
- 7 you for your input. And with all due respect, I understand
- 8 your concerns. I understand that your preference would be
- 9 that we bring the rule back, and I'd like to understand
- 10 recommendations from the other board members as well, and
- 11 for you guys to make a motion that you feel is appropriate.
- 12 I will repeat, you know, we have had this rule in
- 13 two public notices -- or extended public notice for over
- 14 100 days. I think we've done our due diligence in getting
- 15 comments. I do think we have successfully gotten through
- 16 the whole rule between Keenan's presentation and the
- 17 discussion today. And, again, I think we have very good
- 18 feedback.
- 19 If you feel there's a better way that we can
- 20 document our feedback to the EQC -- document to the
- 21 advisory board's feedback to the EQC, I think we would be
- 22 happy to entertain a specific memo in this case. If I do
- 23 decide to move forward despite the Board's advice, we would
- 24 be happy to make sure that is documented thoroughly to make
- 25 sure that your feedback is heard by the Environmental

- 1 Quality Council. But it always is. That's nothing new.
- 2 We always communicate with boards in packets.
- 3 So, again, it is my inclination to keep moving
- 4 forward with this rule. I don't feel like another advisory
- 5 board meeting is necessary. Again, I think this discussion
- 6 has been very effective and has given us the advice we need
- 7 to do one more review of this rule. It sounds like you
- 8 would like to work with Gina on some editorial comments.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Yeah. I still feel
- 10 like the issue of small water systems, it's really a big
- 11 deal, and it's really important, especially transients. So
- 12 I'm not comfortable with you saying, well, we'll just work
- 13 it and we'll go forward to EQC and we'll tell EQC about
- 14 your concerns. I want to see how that's worked.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Madam Chairwoman, let me make
- 16 sure I'm clear. That exercise is a long-term exercise. In
- 17 terms of the evaluating these small transient communities
- 18 compared to the specifications and specifications we've had
- on the books since 1984, 1985, that's going to require some
- 20 significant thinking, and, in my opinion, some discussions
- 21 with our Attorney General. I feel that is better long-term
- 22 project. Again, as we start working with board on
- 23 technical assistance to these communities, that is where we
- 24 can get some short-term gains.
- 25 The question about small transient communities is

- 1 absolutely understood, but that is a longer-term effort
- 2 that we would need to dig into, and I would say do further
- 3 outreach on, but I don't see we need to hold up what we
- 4 have accomplished with Chapter 12 at this time.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So what you're saying
- 6 at this point is that there's going to be no relief for
- 7 small transient systems as this goes forward. That there's
- 8 no opportunity for that at all in updating the rules?
- 9 MS. ZYGMUNT: We will continue working with
- 10 the small transient systems as we always have. But we do
- 11 need to make sure that they are in compliance. And a lot
- 12 of these specifications and compliance with this rule also
- 13 helps assure that they would be in compliance with EPA's
- 14 PWSS system.
- 15 So, again, we have always worked with them, and
- 16 we will continue working with them to make sure they are in
- 17 compliance. If there are areas where it is not feasible
- 18 for them, they don't feel that it is feasible for them to
- 19 come into compliance with the rule, again, we'll work with
- 20 them on a case-by-case basis. And I will note, as we've
- 21 seen, there is some administrator flexibility to make sure
- 22 somebody is obeying the intent of the rule. That is some
- 23 broad flexibility, and it comes down to very thorough case
- 24 by case analysis. So I can't speak to specifics, but we
- 25 would deal with those situations as they arise.

- 1 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Is there any
- 2 requirement from the legislature or anything that as new
- 3 rules are implemented, that you have to look at the cost to
- 4 the state of Wyoming, to the regulated community? Do you
- 5 have to look at the increase in cost that the --
- 6 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. It's specifically
- 7 required in the authorizing statute when we bring rules to
- 8 you. It's under the 302 paragraphs. We have several
- 9 things that we consider, and economic reasonableness is one
- 10 of them.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And so that analysis
- 12 has been done for this?
- 13 MS. ZYGMUNT: It would have been done
- 14 during the original rulemaking.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: But this update. So if
- 16 this goes forward to EQC, do you -- have you done that
- 17 analysis? I mean, that --
- 18 MS. ZYGMUNT: I don't believe we do that
- 19 for rules revisions.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Only for the first time
- 21 the rule is permitted?
- MS. THOMPSON: I believe that we -- we
- 23 don't do a formal separate document that illustrates a
- 24 line-by-line analysis of the economical -- economic
- 25 reasonableness of each line. It's the overall rule. And

- 1 especially new items that we're considering, or removal of
- 2 an old item, when we are making those changes, are we being
- 3 economically reasonable? And by offering training or
- 4 offering assistance from our training partners and offering
- 5 funding possibilities for these small systems as well, we
- 6 can balance out that economic reasonableness. We're not
- 7 demanding that everyone come into compliance, and we're
- 8 not -- you know, your funding is on your own.
- 9 When we look at this in light of the funding
- 10 opportunities we have and the training opportunities we
- 11 have, and, you know, other partner agencies, these are
- 12 economically reasonable.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So there's not an
- 14 analysis of increasing costs that updating these rules
- 15 would impose?
- 16 MS. THOMPSON: No, we do not have a
- 17 separate formal document.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. And -- I lost my
- 19 train of thought. I'm sorry.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: That's all right.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Can I ask a question
- 22 while you're trying to grab that train, Madam Chair?
- 23 So two questions for you. First one is, is there
- 24 a timing -- internal timeline that you're trying to meet
- 25 with Section 12 that you would push it forward without

- 1 another review? That's number one.
- 2 MS. ZYGMUNT: Understood. And if I may,
- 3 I'll go ahead and answer that question.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Please do.
- 5 MS. ZYGMUNT: There's no timeline on this
- 6 rule, meaning there's no specific reasons that I need to
- 7 get this to the EQC. However, I need to look at my staff's
- 8 time efficiently, what resources we have. We have many
- 9 other rules we need to be working on this year. For many
- 10 different reasons. I feel that the two advisory board
- 11 meetings that we have had have accomplished the -- the
- 12 mission of the advisory board, as it's outlined in the
- 13 Environmental Quality Act.
- So in the interest of keeping all of our projects
- 15 moving along, balancing resources with other projects,
- 16 again, it is my determination the most efficient way is to
- 17 keep this moving forward to the EQC.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see. As a
- 19 follow-up question. So depending on how many more rules
- 20 you want to look at, chapters you want to look at this
- 21 year -- maybe you could touch on that quickly -- would it
- 22 benefit you that we move our Q2 meeting to April, like
- 23 within 30 to 45 days or something like that, so we could
- 24 look again at section -- or Chapter 29 and Chapter 12, get
- 25 those off the book? Maybe do a quick introduction to the

- 1 next big chapter you want to look at, that we move our Q2
- 2 meeting up.
- 3 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yeah. Thank you for the
- 4 question and the suggestion. Again, at this time it's more
- 5 that I don't feel another meeting is necessary, not -- not
- 6 the timing of that meeting per se. Preparing for these
- 7 meetings, every meeting is preceded by public notice
- 8 comment. Again this has been --
- 9 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Every one?
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: Yes. We have to have the
- 11 rule out for 30-day public comment, my understanding.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Now, we've had meeting
- 13 where we haven't included new public comment, when it was
- 14 just Board comment. We can say there's been enough -- that
- 15 was in the past. We can say there's been enough public
- 16 comment, we're just going to address Board comments at this
- 17 point. So we've had that in the past.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I don't know if that's
- 20 still allowed, but we've certainly done it in the past.
- 21 MS. ZYGMUNT: That was not my
- 22 understanding, but I appreciate you mentioning that. I can
- 23 look into that.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We have had meetings
- 25 where we have not opened it up to public comment for sure

- 1 in the past, so...
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Okay.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I would be okay,
- 4 because I think, you know, with that, just addressing
- 5 the -- already the comment that we got today and public
- 6 comment plus the Board comments, I would be okay with that,
- 7 and not opening it up for additional public comment if
- 8 we're allowed to do that. We used to be.
- 9 MS. ZYGMUNT: Understood. Understood.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: And I would be okay
- 11 with moving up the quarter -- second quarter meeting to
- 12 what's convenient for you guys. We can move it up.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Before we adjust the timing
- 14 of that meeting, I would need to consult with Administrator
- 15 Engels, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division. Her staff may
- 16 not be able to bring rules packages before you by that
- 17 date. And also our plan to bring Chapter 1 with further
- 18 101 back to you.
- 19 Again, I know -- I'm departing from past
- 20 practices. And so I appreciate your feedback. Again, I
- 21 need to balance the role of this Board, which is very
- 22 important in the rulemaking process. Again, I'm just so
- 23 pleased with the feedback we got today, because this is
- 24 extremely helpful. I think we have accomplished the
- 25 purpose of this step of the rulemaking process, and there's

- 1 still more to come as you know. Before the EQC, there will
- 2 be another 45-day public comment as well, but I have not
- 3 heard any feedback today that I don't think that we can
- 4 address through further revisions to the rule, and
- 5 documenting the Board's feedback and our responses to some
- 6 final comments from Mr. Pepper today and from the Board in
- 7 documentation that we provide to the EQC.
- 8 And, again, you guys are free to make a motion
- 9 that you feel is appropriate. And if you want to make a
- 10 motion that does not advise me to move forward, you're free
- 11 to do that. I would ask for specific feedback. If I do
- 12 choose to move forward after that, that feedback will be
- 13 very clearly presented to the EQC.
- So I still encourage you make the motion you
- 15 think is appropriate as a Board, but I want to be clear
- 16 about where I'm at and what my thoughts are on what we've
- 17 accomplished in this rule, and I feel we've accomplished
- 18 the Board providing the advice that we need to move forward
- 19 with formal rulemaking.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: I don't know if it's
- 21 appropriate for me to make a motion or if the board
- 22 members should make the motion. If it's okay for a chair
- 23 to make -- acting chair to make a motion, I don't know. I
- 24 think it's typically not done.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Madam Chair, I would

- 1 propose that the Water Quality Division consider the
- 2 proposed revisions and advice given today and to proceed to
- 3 the proposed revision -- proceed with the proposed
- 4 revisions to the Environmental Quality Council.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Discussion?
- 6 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: My discussion is
- 7 this is going to be a tough vote, but the -- I have lived
- 8 by the mantra several times and got myself out of hot water
- 9 with bosses by saying, Do you want it done right, or do you
- 10 want it done right now? And there's two distinct
- 11 differences between having it done right and having it done
- 12 right now.
- 13 And we only see those rules every -- I think the
- 14 first or second time I've seen Chapter 12 in like three or
- 15 four years, and I get -- I understand with -- especially at
- 16 post-COVID, the strain that you must have with your staff
- 17 and so forth, getting them focused in all the work you want
- 18 to do. So I'm just kind of expounding here right now. I
- 19 still don't know which way I'm going to vote, but I would
- 20 always caution, as little as we see these things, it's
- 21 better to get them done right rather than expeditiously.
- 22 So...
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: So do I have -- I have
- 24 a motion on the floor. Do I have more discussion?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: We don't have a

- 1 second yet? We haven't heard from Brian.
- 2 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We don't have a second.
- 3 So I don't hear a second. So I think there's no vote at
- 4 this point, so...
- 5 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Correct. So we
- 6 can't vote on it.
- 7 So do we need another motion?
- 8 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We can -- if we want to
- 9 do a different motion. I mean, I would like to --
- 10 MS. ZYGMUNT: I think Mr. Cochran would
- 11 need to withdraw the motion if there's not a second.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: No, it would die for
- 13 lack of a second.
- MS. ZYGMUNT: Right.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Then further
- 16 discussion or do we want to adjourn?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Let's see what this
- 18 motion brings. Let's see what happens here.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I move that the
- 21 advisory board not recommend this for the review of the
- 22 Environmental Quality Council at this point until we can
- 23 review it again at our second quarter meeting.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: We have a motion on the
- 25 table. Do I hear a second?

1	BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: This is Brian
2	Dickson. I'll second that.
3	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Discussion?
4	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Just a point of
5	order. My motion was the same thing. By dying, does the
6	same thing you're asking for now, except you're you're
7	trying to make a negative motion.
8	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: You moved
9	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: So it's a nonaction.
10	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: You moved to
11	recommend it to the EQC.
12	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Right.
13	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I am moving to
14	review it again.
15	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: It's still
16	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Do you think we
17	should amend my motion, Jim?
18	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: I'm just saying if
19	we leave it the way it is
20	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: It's the same thing.
21	BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: it is the same
22	thing.
23	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Without a motion. So

BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I'm confused.

24 do you want to withdraw your motion?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: We can go ahead and
- 2 vote on it. It's just a point of order.
- 3 MS. THOMPSON: Additionally, your attorney
- 4 is still online. If you want to ask a clarifying question,
- 5 Jim may be able to provide it to you.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. Do we need to
- 7 make a motion to continue this to the next meeting?
- 8 MR. PETERS: I think it's always beneficial
- 9 if there is firm direction. What we had originally was a
- 10 motion that failed for lack of a second. While we might be
- 11 able to imply what that means, I think it would be better
- 12 for the record, more clear for the record. We have a
- 13 motion, a second currently before us that the board perhaps
- 14 consider taking some sort of action on that motion to give
- 15 clear direction.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Thank you for that
- 17 clarification.
- 18 Any further Board discussion on the motion on the
- 19 floor?
- 20 BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: I see what you're
- 21 saying, Jim. I see what you're saying now.
- 22 No, I don't believe I have any more discussion.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Hearing none, then all
- 24 in favor of the motion on the floor say aye.
- BOARD MEMBER COCHRAN: Aye.

1	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Aye.
2	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Aye.
3	BOARD MEMBER DICKSON: Aye.
4	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Motion carries.
5	Thank you.
6	MS. ZYGMUNT: All right. Thank you very
7	much. I will take all that into consideration, and we'll
8	get back to you with next steps.
9	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Okay.
10	MS. ZYGMUNT: Thank you very much for all
11	your help today. Again the feedback today was incredibly
12	valuable. We do greatly appreciate your time.
13	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Gina, do you want I
14	don't know on the record or off the record. Do we need to
15	talk about dates we are or aren't available? Or do you
16	want to do that by email?
17	BOARD MEMBER DEURLOO: Let's close the
18	meeting.
19	MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, let's let Kathy off
20	the hook.
21	ACTING CHAIR CAHN: Okay. The meeting is
22	adjourned. Meeting is adjourned.
23	(Meeting proceedings concluded
24	4:01 p.m., March 15, 2022.)

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