

October 19, 2016

Administrator
Air Quality Division
200 West 17th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002



Dear Administrator:

I am writing to express my support for the Wyoming DEQ Air Quality Division's recommendation to incorporate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's New Source Performance Standards into the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations. I strongly feel that air quality is an important issue and I want to ensure that the life we enjoy in Wyoming is protected. Rules need to be adopted that reduce methane emissions smog-forming volatile organic compounds.

I am the Vice President of the Circle Nine Ranch in Boulder, WY. Our ranch has been in the family for 49 years. I raised my two daughters in the community. In Wyoming we value our scenic beauty, clean air, and clear mountain vistas. Unfortunately, in the time I have lived here, I have seen a significant deterioration of the air quality. We used to be able to clearly see the mountains. That is no longer the case. We are losing the very thing that makes Wyoming a great place to live.

Along with the loss of visibility my family has experienced health problems due to declining air quality. My mother struggled with breathing problems, one daughter has asthma and another has incredible allergies which do not run in our families. As an active and avid outdoors woman, I also worry about air quality and the health impacts of pollution. I spend a considerable amount of time in the mountains. My husband and I are dedicated to our health. People who are active outdoors are susceptible to ozone pollution. Most Wyoming residents live outdoors. I want to make sure my family is being protected when we spend time experiencing everything Wyoming has to offer.

I have been encouraged by steps Wyoming has taken over the last few years to protect our air quality. This movement needs to continue. We can protect the scenic beauty of Wyoming and public health at the same time by incorporating U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations on Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources found in 40 CFR part 60, Subpart OOOOa into the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations. The Wyoming Air Quality Advisory Board unanimously voted to incorporate these regulations into the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations. The Environmental Quality Council should do the same. Please work to protect the environment we all depend on and adopt these rules and make sure they are providing the best protection for our state as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Wilson".

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