

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Please see the attached, signed comment letter from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department regarding the proposed Revisions to Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1 – Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards.

Best Regards,
The Wyoming Game and Fish Department



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To Whom it May Concern,

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the proposed Revisions to Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1 – Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Page 1-5 Lines 186 and 187

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“substantial and widespread economic and social impacts”

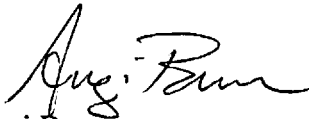
In reviewing Chapter 1, we did not find a definition for substantial and widespread economic and social impacts. Without a definition, substantial and widespread economic and social impacts could be interpreted differently. We recommend that a definition and/or sideboards be developed. Along with the comprehensive economic and social impact analysis, an environmental analysis is also completed to determine the potential impacts to the aquatic resources.

A component of the variance should include a monitoring program of the aquatic resources to ensure that the aquatic resources are not being affected by the increased discharge of the pollutant. Monitoring will be the responsibility of the proponent and be made available to the public yearly. If monitoring of the aquatic resources indicates that impacts are occurring, reevaluation of the variance must occur immediately.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rick Huber, Staff Aquatic Biologist, at 307-777-4558.

Sincerely,



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