

**Proposed Revisions to Water Quality Rules, Chapter 29, Geologic Sequestration
Special Revenue Account Requirements**

Analysis of Comments Received for Docket 22-3102



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Comment and Response

Powder River Basin Resource Council: “On behalf of our approximately 2,000 members throughout the state of Wyoming, the Powder River Basin Resource Council offers its support for DEQ's proposed Geologic Sequestration Special Revenue Account Requirements pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 35-11-318. These special revenue account requirements have become even more important over the past year, with applications for Class VI geologic sequestration wells pending before DEQ and statutory changes to Wyoming's long-term liability scheme. Funds sufficient to address future liability is necessary to ensure Wyoming taxpayers, landowners, or water well owners are not left on the hook for any problems. These issues are not abstract; some of you may remember how the Midwest School was shutdown for health and safety reasons because of a leak from an adjacent CO2 oil and gas well. This resulted in busing of children from Midwest to Casper, and repairs. Luckily, the operator for that field is still on site, but imagine the situation had it been after transfer of the well from Class II to Class VI and site closure of the Class VI well. We appreciate the DEQ's efforts to protect the state's interests by requiring adequate payments into this fund. Thank you for your time and attention, and we look forward to answering any questions at your upcoming hearing.”

Department Response: WDEQ/WQD has received the comment and appreciates Powder River Basin Resource Council's feedback on Chapter 29.