

Representative Lorraine Quarberg Wyoming House of Representatives

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Dennis M. Boal, Chairman Environmental Quality Council 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Herschler Building, Room #1714 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Chairman Boal,

I respectfully request that you hold a public hearing in Thermopolis on the Proposed Revisions to Chapter 1, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Surface Water Quality Standards.

These proposed revisions are directly related to Section 20, Agricultural Water Supply in the form of a new appendix (Appendix H) which serves to interpret the Section 20 narrative standard into procedures for setting effluent limits and conditions in Wyoming Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WYPDES) permits.

As you know, Hot Springs County residents have successfully used water produced from oil and gas operations for many years. The water has been an asset to agricultural operations in our area, provides environmental benefits for the wildlife, and enables the mineral industry to operate efficiently. Our county's revenue and economic stability relies on minerals, tourism and agriculture.

I reiterate my request for a public hearing to be held in Thermopolis, Wyoming on this proposed revision to Chapter 1 rules.

Sincerely,

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

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