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Date: August 5, 2008

**To: Dennis M. Boal, Chairman
Environmental Quality Council of Wyoming
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002**

**Re: Request for Public Hearing in the Big Horn Basin
Proposed Revision of Water Quality Rules and Regulations
Chapter 1, Appendix H**

Chairman Boal:

The Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners resolved to resubmit a request for the Environmental Quality Council to conduct at least one public hearing in the Big Horn Basin concerning the proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Appendix H of DEQ's Water Quality Rules and Regulations. The Board of County Commissioners had originally submitted a request for a public hearing by letter dated May 6, 2008. The proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Surface Water Quality Standards is of utmost importance to Hot Springs County and its residents; therefore, the Board of County Commissioners desires to resubmit primarily because we have not received a response to the original request.

Please find attached a copy of the original May 6, 2008 letter requesting a public hearing in the Big Horn Basin. Hot Springs County is also in receipt of an informational circular which was mailed by DEQ (attached) which calls for submittal of comments by August 26, 2008.

Thank you very much for your consideration.


Brad W. Basse, Chairman


John P. Lumley, Vice-chairman


Frank T. Manning, Commissioner



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Date: May 6, 2008

To: Environmental Quality Council
Herschler Building, 1 West
Room 1714
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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Proposed Revision of Water Quality Rules and Regulations
Chapter 1, Appendix H


EQC Board Members:

The Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners desire to formally go on record with a request for the Environmental Quality Council to conduct at least one public hearing in the Big Horn Basin concerning the proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Appendix H of DEQ's Water Quality Rules and Regulations. Hot Springs County has been actively involved in the proposed revision to the water quality standards since the matter was originally initiated and submitted comments to the Water and Waste Advisory Board as they formulated their recommendation concerning Chapter 1, Appendix H.

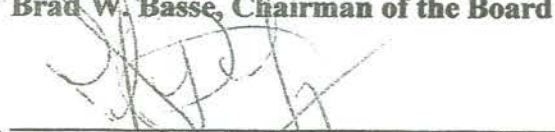
The Water and Waste Advisory Board and the DEQ management team put considerable effort into the recommendations which have been forwarded to the EQC concerning revision of Chapter 1, Appendix H to include conducting public meetings in the Big Horn Basin. Director Corra, John Wagner and Bill DeRenzo personally conducted a two day field investigation in the Big Horn Basin in August of 2006 and are to be commended for the extra effort they put forth confirming local issues in the basin. They are well qualified and prepared for the upcoming EQC review of the proposed revisions. Hot Springs County has been quite satisfied with the response of the DEQ staff and the Water and Waste Advisory Board to water quality issues in our corner of Wyoming and anticipates that the EQC will likewise solicit local input from northwest Wyoming.



Brad W. Basse, Chairman of the Board



Frank T. Manning, Commissioner



John P. Dumley, Vice-Chairman

Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
Proposed Revisions to Chapter 1
Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations
Surface Water Quality Standards

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations – Surface Water Quality Standards.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statutes 35-11-101 to 1507 et seq., proposes to amend and revise Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations (Chapter 1). Chapter 1 contains the quality standards for surface waters in the state including water classifications, designation of protected uses, numeric and narrative water quality criteria, and implementation policies. 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.

Persons wishing to submit comments on the DEQ/WQD proposed revisions should do so on or before August 26, 2008, to the following address: DEQ/Water Quality Division, ATTN: David Waterstreet, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building- 4W, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Copies of this proposed rule and the Statement of Principal Reasons are available for review at the following internet address: <http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/watershed/surfacestandards/index.asp>, or from the Department of Environmental Quality. Persons may request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Connie Osborne at 307-777-5593, fax at 307-777-5973; email address: cosbor@state.wy.us. Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to David Waterstreet at 307-777-6709.

The WDEQ/WQD will file an analysis of the comments received from this notice. The EQC will schedule and publish notice of the public hearing when it is scheduled. The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments and the analysis of comments along with any modifications, proposed by the WDEQ/WQD, to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted.

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