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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Air Quality Division

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Dear DEQ



I support the proposed ozone nonattainment area existing source rules and urge the Environmental Quality Council ("EQC") to adopt them at the May 19 hearing in Pinedale.

As this proposal has made its way through the rulemaking process it has garnered the support of multiple stakeholders with an interest in restoring clean air to the Upper Green River Basin.

The rules are necessary to reduce smog-forming emissions produced by the numerous oil and gas sources in the Basin.

The rules are reasonable as they extend control measures currently required for new and modified sources to existing sources, and are highly cost effective. The lack of controls for existing sources has been an important shortcoming in air pollution management in the UGRB.

Ozone is a harmful pollutant that above certain concentrations is associated with serious health effects, including aggravated asthma, chronic bronchitis, and heart attacks, and in some cases premature death. Children, older adults, people who work or exercise outdoors, and those with pre-existing heart or lung conditions are particularly susceptible to the harmful effects of breathing ozone.

Elevated levels of ozone in the UGRB are contributing to adverse health impacts. A study conducted in Sublette County, Wyoming by the Wyoming Department of Health, compared ozone levels with clinic visits for adverse respiratory-related effects. The study found that for every 10 ppb increase in ozone there was a 3 percent increase in local health clinic visits due to respiratory-related complaints the day following elevations of ozone.

It is well understood that emissions from oil and gas activities in the Basin are the primary cause for the area's nonattainment designation.

The current rule package represents a necessary, reasonable and balanced set of requirements for industry. Adoption of these rules by the EQC will ensure that Wyoming remains a leader when it comes to commonsense yet rigorous air pollution requirements for the oil and gas industry.

Thank you for your consideration

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