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Responses to Electronic and Written Comments

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Environmental Quality Council

Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations

Chapter 25

Small Wastewater Systems



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The Water Quality Division received one electronic comment and no written comments during the 45-day public notice period.

List of Commenters

Mr. Louis Harmon

Comments and Responses

Entity: Mr. Louis Harmon

Comment: I have participated in the public review process since it began in 2014. Myself and many others had significant concerns with the first version of Chapter 25 presented to the Water and Waste Advisory Board as relates to small wastewater and grey water systems. The concerns were that the regulatory restrictions on the use of grey water were unnecessarily restrictive, that the permitting process was too cumbersome for low risk activities and that the septic tank dimensions required caused manufacturers to make expensive changes to forms without any real environmental benefit. The version of Chapter 25 that was forwarded to the Environmental Quality Council did not adequately address the concerns raised.

The same concerned citizens appeared at the EQC hearing, which asked the Water Quality Division to consider the issues raised and to present the changes to WWAB. The revised Chapter 25 presented to the WWAB on December 11, 2015 carefully considered and fully addressed the concerns. The resulting grey water regulation is much simpler and does not place a significant regulatory burden on home owners wanting to minimize their total water usage. The changes made to the septic tank dimensions eliminated the impact to existing forming systems.

I want to thank everyone, The WQD staff, the Water and Waste Advisory Board, and the Environmental Quality Council for carefully considering and modifying the initial proposal to better address the needs of the citizens of Wyoming. Even if it took a lot of time, the process worked.

Response: WDEQ/WQD appreciates Mr. Harmon's support of the proposed changes to the design and construction standards for greywater, privies or outhouses, and septic tank dimensions.