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Re: Proposed Revision of Chapter 1, Water Quality Rules and Regulations

Dear Mr. Waterstreet:

I support the recommendations of the Water and Waste Advisory Board made during the March 28, 2008 meeting. I request that the Water Quality Division move the background water quality exemption and livestock watering waiver section back into the Chapter #1 Section 20 rule. These sections both relate to Section (b)(i) of Appendix H, and should remain as a rule. Only the metals portion of Appendix H should be moved to the Implementation Policy.

The WWAB listened to the public comment when evaluating the rule package to move forward to the EQC. Public comment was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the 5,000 mg/l TDS 3000 mg/l and 2,000mg/l Chloride limits unchanged. I support these same limits as they have proven acceptable to livestock welfare for many decades.

I am supportive of the background water quality exemption and the livestock watering waiver., and the irrigation waiver. These provisions allow us , the landowners , to make decisions for our operations.

I support WWAB's recommendation that effluent limits on discharges that began prior to Jan 1 1998 not be affected by Chapter 1 Appendix H . There is no evidence that discharges that occurred prior to that date have had adverse effect on agricultural production.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,



cc: Governor Dave Freudenthal
cc: Environmental Quality Council

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
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