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Mr. Mark Gordon – Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 West 25th St.
Herschler Building, Room 1714
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon,

This evening at 5:00 p.m. marks the close of a brief 10 day public comment period regarding the Citizen's Petition to amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H.

It is with regards to this petition, that I feel obligated I must write this letter to oppose such an amendment. In my estimation, the proposed amendments are far too restrictive, are, for the most part, groundless, and will have devastating consequences on the oil and gas industry, the citizens of Campbell County, and for all of our citizens in this great State.

I have lived in Wyoming since 1979, and I have been associated with the Oil and Gas Industry all of my life. I have seen the good times and I have seen the bad. I remember the not too distant past when we as citizens wondered if we were going to make it through to the next pay check. I knew a lot of fine folks that didn't, and had to move on.

This Citizen's petition is nothing short of "the squeaky wheel gets the grease", a classic example of a disconcerted few unable to, or unwilling to, grasp the whole picture. And most distressing to me personally, was the unwillingness of the Environmental Quality Council to hear the comments of the multitude of landowners who ventured down to Cheyenne two weeks ago to have their comments heard. These are citizens who want the water, and depend on it!

I am an employee of the energy industry, a steward of the land, a sportsman, a family man, and a very concerned citizen. I go home at night feeling good about what I do, knowing that my efforts contribute to a robust Wyoming economy. We are a strong nation - a nation dependent on energy. It would be a sad day in my life should I ever have to lay off my 50 employees and turn off the light on the way out!

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns in this matter.

Respectfully,

Kevin R. McAulay
Gillette