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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Mr. Gordon,

By way of introduction, my name is Daniel J. Kaufmann. I have been a resident of Campbell County Wy. Since 1991. I have been a resident of Wy. Since 1975. I have been involved in Gas and Oil exploration, production, monitoring, testing, and compliance since that time. I am currently employed by Energy Laboratories Inc., Gillette, and Wy.

I am writing this letter in concerning the proposed regulatory changes involving Chapter 1, Section 20- Appendix H " Ag Use Protection Policy". I won't burden you with comments concerning the importance of Energy Production in Wy.

In a letter to John Corra, from DEQ Director from Bill DiRienzo WYPDES Manager, Mr. DiRienzo states reminds us that the Environmental Quality Act contains definitions for "credible data", "pollution" and other information for the purpose of designating the uses of surface water and assessing the attainment of those designated uses. If Chapter 1, Section 20 - Appendix H is implemented, the following may result:

1. Elimination of a source of water currently used beneficially by a large number of ranchers. (This may affect Livestock as well as Wildlife.)
2. Could change requirements for existing water management.
3. If the implementation of a requirement to build or maintain reservoirs capable of containing a " 50 year / 24 hour" flood event plus produced water, ranchers and operators will not be able to logistically or economically comply.
4. If the implementation of a requirement to build or maintain reservoirs capable of containing a " 50 year / 24 hour" flood event plus produced water, the natural rainwater flowing down the drainages during storms would not typically meet the default limits.
5. Ranchers and operators would lose a system currently used, which lets the Rancher, and operators make water management decisions, in a teamwork approach. (This system currently offers several options, solutions, etc. for both parties)

I appreciate the due diligence and work concerning ALL of Wyoming's natural resources. If a change occurs which takes decision making away from the landowner, will everyone involved feel they have reached a fair decision?

Thanks For Your Consideration,
Daniel J. Kaufmann

