

BEFORE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENTS)
TO THE WATER QUALITY DIVISION)
RULES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER IV)

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE REASONS
FOR ADOPTION

The Environmental Quality Council, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Wyoming Statutes 35-11-112(a)(i), has amended Chapter IV of the Water Quality Division rules and regulations. Chapter IV concerns releases of oil and hazardous substances into waters of the State of Wyoming.

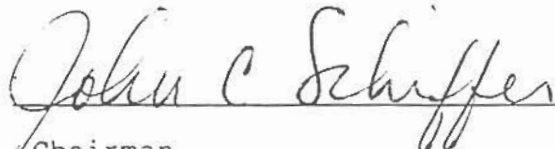
These amended regulations are intended to clarify the state's oil and hazardous substance release program and to establish satisfactory cleanup criteria for oil and hazardous substance spills.

Additionally, the amendment incorporates into the regulations a state reportable quantities concept for oil spills. Thus, releases involving amounts less than the reportable quantity will not require reporting to the agency provided the release does not physically enter water and is immediately removed. However, all releases of hazardous substances which enter, or threaten to enter, waters of the state, regardless of quantity, must be reported, contained, removed and properly disposed.

These regulations are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the objective of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and have been promulgated in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

These regulations hereby adopted will not impose an unreasonable economic burden on industry or the People of Wyoming, particularly when weighed against the need to protect and preserve the environment and natural resources of the state and to ensure the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Dated this 2 day of November 1987.


Chairman,

Environmental Quality Council