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Environmental Quality Council  
122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hershler Building, Room 1714  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking

Dear Council:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) web page states their mission as:

**To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.**

The proposed rule changes are unquestionably in harmony with the stated mission of the DEQ.

Providing the DEQ with the authority and responsibility to regulate quantity in addition to quality of water produced by oil and gas operations is necessary for the DEQ to complete its mission.

In Mr. John F. Wagner's letter to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), he states that the DEQ "...**on occasion** [emphasis added], set limits on volume of discharge to intermittent and ephemeral streams...". Unfortunately, any of these limitations appear to be applied on an arbitrary and infrequent basis. WYPDES Discharge Permit # WY0052817 was recently approved allowing discharge into the Indian Creek drainage for "evaporation and infiltration".

An honest assessment of what this discharge will do to Indian Creek includes a permanent alteration of the ecosystem that currently exists including native forages and aquatic life in existing wetlands. That result is not in keeping with the DEQ's mission statement.

The petition will give the DEQ the responsibility and authority to protect ephemeral streambeds from volumes of water that will alter the existing native ecosystems.

Please approve this petition and provide our environment protection from the unregulated discharge of excess water onto the surface.

Sincerely yours,

  
Steve Adami