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Mr. John Wagner
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

We understand that the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, is in the process of drafting new "Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards" for EPA review and approval. The Bureau of Land Management, Cody Resource Area, would appreciate an opportunity to review and comment upon any proposed changes to the existing standards.

Our interest in water quality, from point source discharges, is primarily related to the surface discharge of water produced in conjunction with oil and gas production and the various beneficial uses to which this water is presently applied. In the Cody Resource Area, produced water is providing benefits to riparian vegetation, waterfowl and shorebird habitat, and drinking water sources for livestock and terrestial wildlife. We view this produced water as an important benefit to our management of the public land.

If you should have any questions regarding out interest in the new regulations, or the beneficial uses of produced water in the Cody Resource Area, please contact Thor Stephenson or Eric Greenquist of my staff.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Enright

Area Manager

CC: Marathon Oil Company