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MARK GORDON CHAIRMAN
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed rule changes pertaining to oil field discharge water.

Wyoming has many small oil companies that may be adversely affected by these changes. If these companies are forced to re-inject their discharge water, it will create hardships in several areas including livestock water, wild game water, destabilizing creek channels, and a reduction of vegetation on creek banks.

These things are in addition to the hardships to oil companies and may result in shutting down some wells or entire fields that might be marginal during times of lower oil prices.

My family has seen the results of discharge water from four (4) oil fields in grazing areas in which we have run cows since 1948. We have not seen any damage, and a lot of gain, from this water in this time. Year-round water in our waterways is critical in this arid climate (11'-12' annual moisture).

Please consider carefully the consequences of the changes being considered.

Sincerely,


Michael W. Ready