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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2009

TO: Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Director and State Health Officer
Wyoming Department of Health

SUBJECT: Petition to Establish Primary and Secondary Wyoming Ambient Air Quality Standards
for Ozone

REF: S-2009-547

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the petition put forward by the Citizens United for Responsible Energy Development (CURED) and the residents of Sublette County.

The Wyoming Department of Health is charged with protecting the health of all Wyoming residents. Many factors need to be considered when setting air quality standards. From a health perspective, less exposure to ozone leads to a better quality of life. Based on the best available scientific information, the Department believes it is in the best interest of Wyoming residents to have the lowest possible ozone standard.

The Wyoming Department of Health also believes there should be a statewide uniform standard.

Please contact Timothy Ryan, Ph.D., Section Chief, Environmental Public Health Section, Preventive Health and Safety Division, at (307) 777-2931 or via e-mail at timothy.ryan@health.wyo.gov for additional information.

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Attachment: CURED Petition

- c: Linda Chasson, M.S., Administrator, Preventive Health and Safety Division
- John Cora, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
- Ginny Mahoney, M.A., Deputy Director of Rural and Public Health and Aging Division Administrator
- Timothy Ryan, Ph.D., Section Chief, Environmental Public Health Section