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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council-
Herschler Building
122 W 21st,
Cheyenne, WY, 82002

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

RE: Sheridan Landfill SHWD File #10.526 – 102 acre expansion via variance

Dear Council Members;

We wish to formally object to, and request a hearing before the WEQC relative to the WDEQ Director's final decision relative to a requested variance of three conditions allowing the City of Sheridan to expand the existing landfill by approximately 102 acres. The requested variances include allowing the landfill limits to be;

- 1) Within 1 mile of an occupied dwelling
- 2) Within 1.2 mile of a drinking water source
- 3) Within 1 mile of boundaries of an incorporated city or town

During the public meeting regarding the subject variance held February 24, 2011 at Holy Name Parish Center in Sheridan, Wyoming, we and our neighbors were promised that a committee consisting of representatives from our neighborhood and local government would be formed to address the following concerns. These include:

- 1) Devaluation of property resulting from ever-expanding operations eastward toward Prairie Dog Creek.
- 2) Recent changes to water quality in our, and adjacent, domestic neighboring wells.
- 3) Impacts to air quality in the form of odors and dust increasing tremendously during the past decade as operations have expanded easterly, in our direction.
- 4) The increased number of vector species; skunks, raccoons, foxes and feral domestic animals are not only a nuisance but present health concerns relative to rabies and bubonic plaque.
- 5) Increasing amounts of blowing rubbish deposited over our entire property.
- 6) Use of the County Road 139 (East Ridge Road) right-of-way and surface as a convenient, free dumping area.
- 7) Concerns within our neighborhood that the City does not apparently monitor potential impacts to the Class 2AB Stream, Prairie Dog Creek.

As was made aware during the public meeting, county residents living adjacent to and near the existing landfill are experiencing fairly painful impacts already. The continuing lack of communication and consideration for the burden placed upon adjacent landowners increasingly concerns the resident citizens scattered along Prairie Dog Creek valley.

Respectfully Yours,

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