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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary Environmental Quality Council

IN THE MATTER OF THE OBJECTION)	Docket No. 11-5801
TO THE VARIANCE FOR THE SHERIDAN)	
LANDFILL)	ORDER GRANTING
)	MOTION TO STRIKE

The Petitioner's Motion to Strike in the above entitled matter was heard by the Environmental Quality Council on the 8th day of March, 2012.

- 1. Petitioners have sought a hearing before the Environmental Quality Council (the Council) to contest the August 9, 2011, decision by the Department of Environmental Quality to grant a variance to the City of Sheridan for operation of its municipal landfill.
- 2. The Environmental Quality Council conducts such hearings in accordance with the contested case procedures set forth in the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-112(f).
- 3. On February 6, 2012 the Chairman of the Sheridan County Commission sent a letter to the Environmental Quality Council expressing the Commissioners' views on issues that may be relevant to a decision in this case.
- 4. On February 10, 2012, the Petitioner filed a "Motion to Strike the Sheridan County Letter" from the record of the above entitled matter as the Sheridan County Commissioners have not yet sought to intervene in this contested case pursuant to Wyoming Statute and the Rules of Practice and Procedure for this Council.
- 5. Neither the City of Sheridan nor the Department of Environmental Quality expressed opposition to Petitioners' motion.

6. The Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act prevents the Council from considering evidence that has not been made a part of the record by the parties – or by the Council through exceptions not applicable here. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 16-3-108.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the Petitioners' Motion to Strike is GRANTED and the February 6, 2011, letter is ORDERED stricken from the record. The Executive Secretary of the Council is directed to remove the letter from the case file. This Order does not determine whether the Sheridan County Commission may intervene in this case, nor does it determine the ability of the parties to provide third-party information to the Council at the evidentiary hearing for this matter.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.

David Searle, Presiding Officer

Environmental Quality Council

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kim Waring, certify that at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 20th day of March, 2012, I served a copy of the foregoing **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STRIKE** by electronic mail to the following:

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