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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director Environmental Quality Council

November 7, 2005

Dear Mr. Brady,

Jon Brady

Hearing Examiner

122 W 25th Street

Cheyenne, WY 82002

**Environmental Quality Council** 

Herschler Building, Rm 1714

This letter is in reference to the Wheatland Waste Water Storage and Land Application project. I am the landowner and I am concerned that you might reject this permit due to opposition. I am troubled, not by the legitimate apprehensions some might have with treated human waste being applied to a field next door, but by the lack of fact presented to my neighbors by Joe Geringer.

In an effort to be a "good neighbor", I spoke directly with two of my neighbors who, upon hearing the plans for the project, are no longer threatened by my tentative application of these waters to my farmland. The enclosed letter is a result of the conversation I had with Dave and Germaine Birkle.

The concerns Mr. Geringer, my uncle, has are very much the same as mine. I have water wells that risk contamination. Unlike my uncle who lives 3 miles away, the land that will be used to disperse this water surrounds me. I am at greater risk because I, along with my employees, will have to physically work in this water to maintain the irrigation systems that will apply this water. But after gathering the facts about health risks and learning of existing city waste water/land usage systems, I am comforted by the standards set in place by government agencies and the people who genuinely care enough to work in a cooperative effort to help find a practical use of these waters. Furthermore, I trust that these standard requirements will continue to develop to protect everyone so that municipalities and farmers will benefit from this solution to growing wastewater demands.

In an effort to present the practical benefits and safety precautions of this project, I'd like to invite you to visit my farm, see the site and visit about the plan to incorporate the use of city wastewater on my farm ground.

Thank you for your consideration. Please, feel free to call me anytime. (307) 331-0100.

Sincerely

Marty Shepard

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Mr. Jon Brady Environmental Quality Council 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street Herschler Bldg. Room 1714 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

November 3, 2005

Dear Mr. Brady,

After being presented with the facts about Marty Shepard's plan to use the Town of Wheatland's treated wastewater on his property that is across from our home, we no longer stand in opposition to this project.

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Sincerely,

Dave and Germaine Birkle