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Re:

Request for Public Hearing in the Big Horn Basin

Proposed Revision of Water Quality Rules and Regulations

Chapter 1, Appendix H

EQC Board Members:

The Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners desire to formally go on record with a request for the Environmental Quality Council to conduct at least one public hearing in the Big Horn Basin concerning the proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Appendix H of DEQ's Water Quality Rules and Regulations. Hot Springs County has been actively involved in the proposed revision to the water quality standards since the matter was originally initiated and submitted comments to the Water and Waste Advisory Board as they formulated their recommendation concerning Chapter 1, Appendix H.

The Water and Waste Advisory Board and the DEQ management team put considerable effort into the recommendations which have been forwarded to the EQC concerning revision of Chapter 1, Appendix H to include conducting public meetings in the Big Horn Basin. Director Corra, John Wagner and Bill DeRenzio personally conducted a two day field investigation in the Big Horn Basin in August of 2006 and are to be commended for the extra effort they put forth confirming local issues in the basin. They are well qualified and prepared for the upcoming EOC review of the proposed revisions. Hot Springs County has been quite satisfied with the response of the DEQ staff and the Water and Waste Advisory Board to water quality issues in our corner of Wyoming and anticipates that the EQC will likewise solicit local input from northwest Wyoming.

Brad W. Basse, Chairman of the Board

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