

**JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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State of Wyoming  
Environmental Quality Council  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Johnson County Commissioners are requesting that the Environmental Quality Council conduct a formal socio-economic analysis of the impact of changes in the rules for regulating produced water. We would suggest someone, like Dr. David (Tex) Taylor, University of Wyoming Department of Agriculture Economics, who has significant experience in doing economic analysis. We believe the changes that are being considered could have serious economic impacts on agricultural producers. One rule applied to all areas of the state is not workable; water quality and water uses differ in different areas of the state. Crop production is not the only beneficial use. In many areas of the state produced water for livestock use is very important to rangeland livestock production. Land managers need to have the flexibility to tailor water management to local situations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald E. Fink".

Gerald E. Fink, Chairman  
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