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> RE: EQC Docket 08-3101 WQD Chapter 1, Appendix H Section 20 Rules, Agricultural Water Supply

Dear Mr. Boal:

Weston County Commissioners are hereby respectfully submitting comments in relation to the proposed WQD Chapter 1, Appendix H rules as follows:

- 1. That EQC performs or causes to be performed a socio-economic study prior to implementing any rule changes.
- 2. If EQC determines that changes in Tier 2 of the irrigation standards are necessary, then the proposed rule should be remanded to the Water and Waste Advisory Board (WWAB) for their review.
- 3. That EQC insures that EPA must either approve or disapprove of the rule in its entirety.
- 4. That EQC maintain the "Grandfathering" exemption for pre-1998 produced water discharges.
- 5. That EQC respects and supports landowners waiver exemptions from the proposed rule.

Respectfully submitted, Board of County Commissioners of Weston County, Wyoming.

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