

**HOT SPRINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Date: November 19, 2008

**To: Mr. Jim Ruby, Executive Director
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
Herschler Building, 1 West
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002**

**Re: Recommendation of the Hot Springs County Board of County
Commissioners – Rule Making for Chapter 1, Water Quality Standards, Ag
Use Protection Policy**

Dear Sir:

The Hot Springs County Commissioners participated in a conference phone call at 4:15 on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The purpose of the conference phone call was to discuss with Jim Ruby, Executive Director of the Environmental Quality Council, and John Wagner, Administrator of the Water Quality Division of DEQ, inclusion of social-economic considerations into the Ag Use Protection Policy rule making deliberations. During the conference phone call, Brad Basse, Chairman of the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners, strongly expressed a desire to have a social-economic impact study be commissioned which quantifies and identifies the social-economic impact(s) of the Ag Use Protection Policy rule making. Immediately after exiting the conference phone call, the Board unanimously passed a motion which strongly supports inclusion of a social-economic impact study completed by someone of the caliber of Tex Taylor in the decision making process and into the public record. Therefore, by copy of this letter, which by prior agreement during the conference phone call can be submitted by email and fax, the Board formally expresses its desire to have a social-economic impact study commissioned.

Yours truly,

**Brad W. Basse
Chairman of the HSC Board of County Commissioners**