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Mr. Jim Ruby, Executive Director Wyoming Environmental Quality Council Herschler Building, 1 West 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

## RE: Recommendation of the Park County Board of County Commissioners Rulemaking for Chapter 1, Water Quality Standards, Ag Use Protection Policy

Dear Mr. Ruby:

I am the Park County Commissioner who participated in the conference call yesterday. As you are aware many counties are very concerned as to how the Water Quality Standards for Ag Usc will be modified. We heard verbally on the telephone what is currently proposed but we're unsure whether it will change in the final document. Hot Springs County Commissioner, Brad Basse, expressed the need for a socioeconomic impact study to be commissioned which quantifies and identifies the socioeconomic impact of the Ag Use Protection Policy rulemaking. Park County concurs that a socioeconomic impact study is needed and needs to be utilized as part of the rulemaking process. In Park County we have operating oil and gas wells that could be affected by this rulemaking and we also have some exploratory wells that could be affected as well. Therefore, I am submitting this letter of request on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

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Marie Fontaine, Park County Commissioner Submitted on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming

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