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MEMORANDUM

Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

TO: Chairman, Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Lindsay Patterson, Surface Water Quality Standards, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: Rule Packages for Revision of Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards

DATE: July 8, 2013

SUMMARY: On May 13, 2013, the public was notified that the Environmental Quality Council (council) would consider proposed revisions to Chapter 1 of the Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards, at a public hearing to be held on July 11, 2013. The written public comment period for the proposed changes closed at 5:00 p.m. MST on June 27, 2013. As outlined in the public notice, the Water Quality Division has prepared a response to comments that address the comments received between May 13, 2013 and June 27, 2013. The WQD has made minor changes to the rule package (Statement of Principal Reasons, Chapter 1, *Implementation Policies for Antidegradation, Mixing Zones and Dilution Allowances, Turbidity and Use Attainability Analysis*) to address public comments and to correct some errors identified by the WQD during the public comment period. The WQD has also completed a "Takings Analysis" to comply with revisions to the Administrative Procedures Act that became effective on July 1, 2013.

Three copies of the rule package are included in this transmittal and include:

- Strike and underline copy of Chapter 1;
- Strike and underline copy of the Implementation Policies;
- Draft Statement of Principal Reasons;
- Response to Comments for Comment Period Ending June 27, 2013
- Clean copy of proposed Chapter 1;
- Clean copy of proposed Implementation Policies; and
- Takings Analysis

I have also provided a digital version of the presentation I will be using at the July 11, 2013 hearing. Please contact me (307-777-7079 or Lindsay.Patterson@wyo.gov) if you have questions regarding the attached documents.

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