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CDPHE Proposed New Water Standards for Surface Discharge

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Dear Lori,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over the CDPHE's newly drafted permits for water discharge in the Trinidad area.

I am a 10 year resident of Trinidad and I have been working in the oil and gas industry for 25 years. I was raised in a family that was supported by the industry. I have seen firsthand how this water has benefited the landowners, ranchers and wildlife in this area. I have also seen how the energy industry has benefited our community. The industry has provided countless jobs and tax dollars to many families, businesses and organizations here. This community has benefited from oil and gas for many years and if there was an impact to our ability to operate and provide our water discharge program, the local economy as well as my own job would suffer. My family relies on one income to support us and any passage of these Standards would certainly affect that income.

XTO Energy (my employer) has voluntarily instituted a system of water quality monitoring stations and water sampling sites throughout their operating area to ensure that the quality of this water meets the state's standards for surface discharge. This data should be considered when making any permit limitations or decision of policy which will reduce the supply of water in our region. That water quality monitoring information is made available on a website that is publicly accessible. The data illustrates that the water being discharged has not impacted the suitability of the Purgatoire River for protected uses.

In some cases these permit limits are based on state-wide standards and policies are broad-brush stream segment standards that are not tailored to the

Upper Arkansas River Basin, and especially not appropriate for the dry arroyos and tributaries found on the lands where we operate cattle ranches. My family has cattle operations and we are VERY concerned about the possibility of this coming to fruition.

I respectfully ask you reconsider the terms of the recently issued draft surface discharge permits and work with the companies to identify more site-specific permit limits that would also support a continuation of this very important program water supply program.

Thank you for your time,

DIANNA BAYES

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