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via: <http://wq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>

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RE: Comments on Wyoming's Methods for Determining Surface Water Quality Condition

Dear David,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the above referenced document. This has been a long, thought provoking process that WACD appreciates having been a part of. WACD would like to thank WDEQ for including WACD in discussions regarding the implementation of former Governor Mead's Water Strategy 8 related to water quality data integrity.

Page 5; Credible Data

WACD commends WDEQ, Water Quality Division for clarifying and specifically defining *Specialized Training and Field Experience Requirements*, when collecting Credible Data and including it within the Methods document. This definition significantly helps those that are collecting water quality samples and submitting data to WDEQ for use support determinations, understand what is required and ensures base level requirements.

Page 6; Section 2: Collection Method Training and Proficiency Requirements

WACD recommends including an appendix of specific examples of the commonly conducted test methods, or reference to guidance in WDEQ's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Page 6; Section 4: Audit Requirements

WACD will continue to work with Conservation Districts and WDEQ to adhere to training and audit requirements. WACD appreciates WDEQ's past involvement with the water quality training program that we provide to ensure that District personnel are well trained to collect high quality data that meets credibility statute standards.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for the hard work that was put into this significant addition to collecting credible data. WACD looks forward to continuing work with DEQ on Wyoming's Watershed health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobbie K. Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bobbie K. Frank
Executive Director

Cc: Wyoming's Conservation Districts
WACD Board of Directors