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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Pinedale Field Office Employees

**FROM:** Shane DeForest, Field Manager

**SUBJECT:** Ozone Contingency Plan

Due to known health hazards from elevated ozone levels, ozone formation has been identified as a concern in Sublette County for several years, particularly in the winter months from January through March. In response, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality - Air Quality Division (WDEQ) has developed an Ozone Contingency Plan program designed to reduce the amount of ozone precursor emissions released to ambient air on days when weather conditions are conducive to ozone formation. They have asked the energy companies to voluntarily participate in the program and participation has been excellent. Last winter one of the recommendations of the WDEQ sponsored Upper Green River Basin Air Quality Citizens Advisory Task Force was that the program be expanded to include other commercial and government entities. This recommendation was supported by the Director of the WDEQ and this Ozone Contingency Plan is in response to this call for a wider application of the Ozone Contingency Plan program.

The WDEQ conducts weather forecasting to determine if conditions are favorable for ozone formation. If conditions are favorable WDEQ issues advisories to many parties and agencies, including the Pinedale Field Office(PFO). These advisories are also posted on the WDEQ website; <http://deq.state.wy.us>. When these advisories are issued, the PFO will take the following measures:

- Notify all PFO personnel of the advisory through radio contact, e-mail, and an announcement over the intercom.
- Defer all non-critical field work and travel within the PFO's administrative boundaries for 24 hours or until the advisory is lifted. (If the travel involves leaving Sublette County to attend a planned event, it will not be cancelled).
- If possible, delay fueling of vehicles until after 6 PM (Ozone levels are at their highest from mid to late afternoon) and avoid "topping off" fuel tanks so as to minimize the release of fumes.
- Vehicles will not be left idling.
- Turn thermostat in the office down to 68 degrees F.

I also encourage all PFO employees to take the above measures at home and on their own time during ozone advisory days.