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T. W. Ten Eyck, Chairman
Colorado Water Quality Control Commission
Colorado Department of Health
4210 East 11th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Mr. Ten Eyck:

In reference to the hearing of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission on May 10, 1974.

At the present time Mesa County, in cooperation with the City of Grand Junction, is having a master sewer plan made for the entire Grand Junction valley and we understand other studies will encompass the remainder of the county in the Colorado River Basin.

Mesa County has many unique geological conditions including extremely bad soil conditions and a high water table. All suitable septic areas in this valley are about used up and it is becoming increasingly clear that a valley wide, if not a county wide sewer system is necessary if future growth is to occur.

With the oil shale industry facing us, as well as the coal industry, I am sure you can all understand that future growth will and must take place in Mesa County.

With this background, we hope the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission will readjust its ranking criteria for federal sewage facility construction grant applications. If your present point system is followed it appears to us we might never have enough points to qualify for sewage grants. We do not think this state nor the nation with its energy problems and the potential oil shale industry located here can afford to ignore this area in favor of a metropolitan loaded ranking system.

Sincerely,

Jack Wadlow, Chairman
Mesa County Board of Commissioners

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