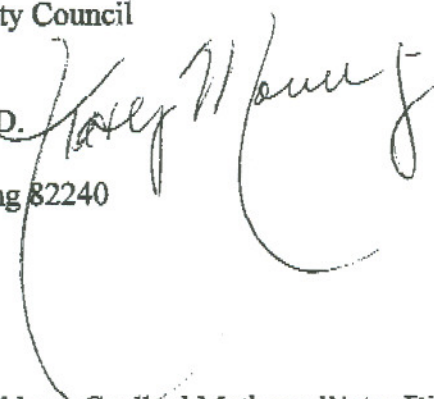


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Ref: Citizens' Petition to Address Coalbed Methane Water Discharge

The current water management system of coalbed methane water discharges, administered primarily by the DEQ, is not working. I am writing to request that the EQC implement proposed rules to address the unique problems and environmental impacts caused by CBM discharge water. Implementing the citizen petition rule changes, Appendix I, would ensure protection of soil, vegetation, wildlife, livestock, aquatic life and downstream landowners and their existing uses of the land.

It is essential that the serious deleterious effects of CBM discharge water which is flooding ranchland and wildlife habitat in the Powder River Basin be controlled. CBM discharge water not used for beneficial purposes should be reinjected underground from where it came.

Finally, the Governor should support the right of the authority of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to address this issue, since it is causing serious environmental problems in the Powder River Basin, and the Council is there to "prevent, reduce and eliminate pollution: under the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.