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Dear Council Members:

This letter is to urge the council to support adding Appendix I to Chapter 2 of the Water Quality Rules that pertain to Coal Bed Methane Water Discharges.

Those of you who have been on the EQC for several years will remember my petition before you for relief from the damages caused to my ranch from CBM water discharges.

After a week of hearings and a several month postponement before resuming the hearings, the State D.E.Q. offered to settle, as did the CBM companies. I felt we should continue, but was convinced by my advisors that I should settle. **BIG MISTAKE!**

The DEQ has not stopped the discharge of CBM saline water. The CBM operators have refused to honor the water management plan which went with our settlement agreement and in the spring of 2006 even tried to get my soil scientist to agree to changes in the plan which would basically gut the plan.

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There are many ranchers who have been damaged by C.B.M. discharge water, and I sure there are many more ranchers who are not even aware of the damages caused by CBM Water discharge.

I realize that this issue is controversial, but I urge the Council Members to have the power and fortitude to stand up for what is morally and legally correct and not cave in to the out-of-state mineral companies who only care about their net profits and pay only lip service to our environment.

It seems to me that the agencies who should be protecting Wyoming from the polluted waste water discharges are being criminally negligent in the performance of their duties. These include the Oil & Gas Commission, the D.E.Q., the State Engineer, Wyoming Agriculture Department, Conservation Districts, & the Game and Fish Commission, among others.

The rules and laws governing water discharge and damages caused by discharges are very plain.

The Environmental Quality Council is the agency with the power to change these bad actions by other agencies. Please do so.

Very Sincerely
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