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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 W. 25th St.
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Dear Mr. Gordon,

We are a collective group of employees of Hettinger Welding LLC. For the most part we all have relocated here in the Powder River Basin to make a living for our families. The schools here are excellent, the cost of living is bearable, the community is beautiful, the leisure time activities are plentiful, and our jobs are great. Most of us have become first time parents, homeowners, and concerned citizens.

We are writing to inform you of our opposition to the petition before you entitled **Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H.** This potential rulemaking has the ability to effectively shut down the entire CBM industry. We would all be out of work, our homes would be foreclosed on, local businesses would fail, the tax base would dwindle, and we would be relocating to find new jobs.

Please understand that we are a crew of pipe liners. It is our job to put the pipe in the ground to transport the water and the gas to various destinations. We have completed jobs on most every area of the basin. We are not scientists so we really do not understand water constituents but we do understand the terms "majority" and "reclamation". We know that the energy industry makes up the "majority" when it comes to hundreds of jobs versus nineteen landowners. "Reclamation" means that those areas that may have been destroyed by what may be excessive discharge of CBM water can be repaired.

In summary we are opposed to any petition that not only threatens our way of life but also informs us that the water we are currently drinking, provided to us by the City of Gillette would not even pass the stringent, strangling, guidelines the petition is purposing.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this letter and please remember your job could be indirectly affected also.

Sincerely,

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