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Via Facsimile (307-777-6134) and regular Mail

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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Re: Opposing the Petition for Rulemaking- PRBRC et al – WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon

My name is Boyd Abelseth and I have recently been employed in the Coal bed natural gas industry. I am a 15 year State of Wyoming certified water operator (City of Gillette). I was hired into the natural gas industry to work with property owners, regulatory agents, engineers, contractors, geologists, hydrologists, chemists, and laboratory technicians to assist with the management of the produced water.

I can tell you that the company I work for spends a lot of time and resources to evaluate the way the water will be managed in the coal bed natural gas fields. The company works closely with the property owners to do their best in meeting the property owner's needs, however because of overly restrictive regulations we are often placed in a position that we can not assist the property owners in a way they would benefit from the water.

I strongly believe that the proposed rule making is not backed up with good science and should not be considered by the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council for approval.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established water quality standards that are continually being evaluated and researched by the best qualified laboratory technicians using state of the art instruments. With this said the EPA has established a maximum contaminant level for Barium at 2 mg/l VS. the proposed of .2 mg/l. EPA established this standard because of the fact that present technology and resources indicate that 2 mg/l is the lowest level to which this element can be economically required to be removed from water.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my comments and provide facts for insight to the proposed rule.

Sincerely,



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