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Dear Mr. Gordon:

We are writing in concern of the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – WQD Chapter 2 Appendix H. We would like to clearly state we are against the rule being adopted, and request the council take into very serious consideration the following impact we can perceive happening as well as countless more problems.

I have a small roustabout business, Grizzly Services, Inc., base out of Newcastle, WY. My wife and I own and operate this business with most of our work coming from coal bed methane companies. We currently employ 8 full time employees and 5 seasonal employees. If this petition is passed, as I understand it, it will shut down coal bed methane development.

We would go out of business if this petition passes. Where would my employees find work? How would they pay their bills? Not only would Grizzly Services lose but the financial ramifications on our state and our communities will be devastating.

We are opposed to the council enacting a rule for just coal bed methane that would impose higher standards of water quality than is necessary for Coal mining and oil and convention gas wells as well as drinking water. This also is a huge concern as, once this rule is in effect who is to say it will not follow through and shut down oil and conventional gas wells that currently have discharge permits or would utilize them for future production. This may filter down to the countless coal mines in the area and close them down also. The devastating effect this would have on Weston, Campbell, Sheridan, and Johnson Counties would be horrific.

We understand that there are problems with some individuals concerning water discharge and that the DEQ must look into these problems. There are other solutions or options available to correct problems other than imposing such strict rules that you would shut down an entire industry and put countless people and business out of jobs. Please consider the following description of the impact this would have on Wyoming's people when you review the proposed petition and please consider it to be a route that Wyoming is not going to take. Remember we are the Equality State and vote against making this rule.

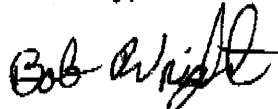
In our small community the impact this rule would have would put many people out of jobs, cause them to lose their homes or have to relocate. This would in turn cause grocery stores, furniture stores, drug stores etc to be hurt or go broke. The number of banks financing these businesses, houses etc will be directly affected and may fail. This is in a community 70 miles away from the nucleus of the coal bed methane. I would ask you to think of the impact of what this would do in Gillette, Wright and surrounding areas.

Gillette would have many houses available and no one to buy them, huge amounts of broke businesses and displaced families. Think of the tax basis the coal bed provides for the state and Campbell, Johnson, and Sheridan Counties. Gillette alone has countless bond projects that have been approved and are in the works. How will these projects be paid for if you shut down coal bed methane because of imposing to strict water standards? Do we consciously want to cause a national disaster in our very own state?

In my work I have set countless stock tanks for livestock and wildlife. Many in areas where grazing cattle was not feasible before, because of lack of water, now graze more cattle and sheep. Many reservoirs have been built all through the county. These boost many homes for waterfowl. I myself have seen countless numbers of ducks, geese, sandhill cranes and pelicans; yes pelicans on coal bed methane reservoirs.

Please vote no on the Citizens Petition for Rulemaking – WQD Chapter 2 Appendix H. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Bob Wright
President
Grizzly Services, Inc.