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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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RE: Rule-making For Discharge Water

Dear Council Members:

As a lifelong Wyoming resident and a landowner in Sheridan County, I write to voice my support of the rule-making process that is taking place.

As an owner of agricultural property adjacent to and immediately downstream of property that has been leased and staked for CBM development, I have a first hand perspective of the potential for impacts from discharged water. The potential impact to the small, perennial stream flowing through my property is significant and real both from a water quality and quantity aspect.

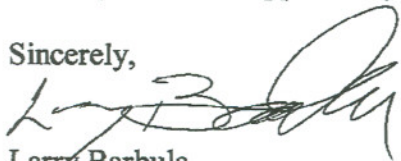
Currently on the books are a myriad of water quality rules, some of which would seem to provide basis for regulation of water quantity. The Wyoming DEQ/Water Quality Division has interpreted otherwise.

Therefore creation of rules by the EQC to address water quantity impacts is very important. Discharge water quantity can and is currently negatively impacting native drainages in Wyoming. Perhaps more important is the damage and potential damage to pastures and hayfields adjacent to these drainages. Wyoming's agricultural land uses must be allowed to continue now and into the future.

I urge the EQC to complete new rules to allow protection of the agricultural land base of Wyoming from damage by unwanted discharge water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Larry Barbula