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Mr. Mark Gordon
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I would like to express my opposition to the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al (WQD chapter 2).

I am a graduate from Montana State University with an agronomy degree and have many years experience in production agriculture in Montana. My husband and I and our two children moved to Campbell County Wyoming in 2004 from Montana. We continue to raise livestock and I am an environmental specialist with Lance Oil & Gas Company a subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. Being a part of both the agriculture industry as well as the oil and gas industry in Wyoming has been a refreshing change for our family. I am able to participate daily with both industries (production agriculture and coal bed natural gas production) and have the greatest respect for both. It is such a pleasure to see the success of these agricultural producers which is greatly enhanced by the coal bed natural gas industry, a privilege most Montana agricultural producers do not enjoy. In my day to day work which involves a large amount of interaction with landowners I am able to appreciate and enjoy the hard work and commitment the coal bed natural gas industry puts into its land stewardship including water management. I also see the great benefit to these agricultural producers in much better land management through the use of coal bed natural gas produced water. I personally hear stories of thousands of previously unproductive/unused lands that are now able to be used for livestock and also enhance wildlife through water produced by coal bed natural gas development. I could write of the many other benefits I personally see in the use of coal bed natural gas produced water, but want to emphasize that this petition, if approved in any form, would eliminate all these benefits and in return negatively affect and possibly destroy the livelihoods of many people, including agricultural producers. There are many ways for these few folks who are unable to come to an understanding over their personal issues with coal bed natural gas development to resolve these problems without involving the thousands of people that will be affected by their petition.

It is with great concern for two industries that have created a win, win for each other that I write in opposition to a petition that would make everyone a loser.

Thank You,



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