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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 W. 25th St.
Herschler Bldg., Room 1714
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking - Powder River Basin Resource Council et al-
Revised Version - WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon:

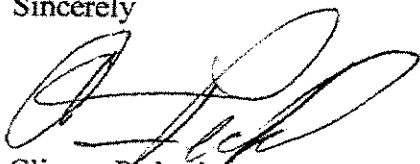
My name is Clinton Pickrel and I am part of a sizable family ranch corporation in N.E. Wyoming. Our ranch runs livestock on over 100,000 acres and we have been involved with the CBM both as surface and royalty owners. I have read both the above mentioned petition and the letter from Mr. Wagner who represents the DEQ. While I share the same desire to be a careful and attentive steward of the abundant natural resources on our ranch as the petitioners do, I am also aware of the impact that the Oil & Gas Industry has upon our economy.

According to Mr. Wagner's letter "*The language in the revised petition would prohibit any CBM discharge if there were any physical, chemical, or biological alterations to the receiving water caused by the discharge. The petition goes on to state that no discharge may cause the release of any "chemical or chemical compound" (only distilled water meets this definition). There is probably no case where a CBM discharge would be able to meet all of the conditions of this section of the proposed rule. It is a standard to which no other industry or type of discharger is being held.*" This statement causes me considerable concern because of the detrimental effect this would have on our local economy affecting Landowners as well as the CBM Industry.

It is also my understanding that the Attorney General's office has repeatedly cautioned against this petition and the rule it proposes, and that the EQC would be wise to heed their attorney's advice. I agree that there are valid concerns as it relates to water discharge not only from CBM but also from the Oil & Gas Industry as a whole. These issues require our attention if we want to preserve our land and maintain a healthy economy. In my opinion the above petition does not impartially address both sides of the issue therefore I would be opposed to the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking - Powder River Basin Resource Council et al - WQD chapter 2.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity for input. I can be contacted via email at clinpic@vcn.com.

Sincerely



Clinton Pickrel