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Environmental Quality Council  
Herschler Building, Room 1714  
122 West 25 th Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: CBM rulemaking petition

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to thank you for working to address the unique problems caused by the discharge of CBM water on our fragile lands. Of course mineral development is key to Wyoming's economy. However, the same lands that encompass mineral abstraction are also important for tourism, wildlife habitat and agriculture. I feel strongly, that the current method of discharging CBM water damages lands, soils and vegetation, and destroys habitat.

I urgently request that you adopt rules that will provide protection for the fragile land, soil, and vegetation that inhabit the Powder River Basin. These ephemeral drainages are vital areas in the Powder River ecosystem, and surely they should not be destroyed, just so industry can find the cheapest and easiest solution for dumping their water, that is a byproduct of drilling for CBM. We should not allow the discharge of this water to injure our resources and we should not, as landowners and taxpayers be forced to bear the cost of these damages which can be so long lasting.

Again, I thank you for your careful consideration and look forward to the implementation of rules that will protect our resources at the expense of the CBM industry, not the landowners and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

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