

Michael A. Evans

P.O. Box 1152
Saratoga, WY 82331

Phone: 307-326-8217
E-mail: IRoxRanch@carbonpower.net

FILED

January 11, 2007

JAN 12 2007

Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Environmental Quality Council
Herschler Building, Room 1714
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Environmental Quality Council,

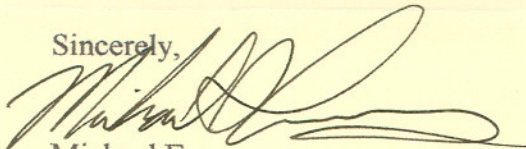
Please accept my comments supporting the Powder River Citizen Petition to address CBM water discharges.

Water quantity and quality associated with coal bed methane natural gas development are having negative impacts on the watersheds through out Wyoming. And will continue to do so. These problems will continue to spread and increase throughout the state. Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality does not have the ability to regulate downstream impacts. DEQ should have the rules to go by in order to address the damages occurring through out the watershed. CBM discharges are damaging property of downstream landowners and their ability to continue traditional land uses and maintain the economic viability of their property. In many cases these discharges negatively impact public lands and the soil, vegetation, AUMs and eventually alter the aquatic life and possible classification of the water body. This whole process will most likely reverse itself to some unknown and unpredictable condition when the CBM play has finished.

I urge you to add the specific Appendix I to Chapter 2 of the Water Quality rules that address CBM produced water discharges.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Michael Evans