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

Dear Mr. Gordon:

My name is Richard Franco, and I am sixty years of age and semi retired. I have lived in the west for most of my life. My career has been in Law Enforcement and since then I have been employed with Consolidated Oil Well Services LLC. Here in Gillette Wyoming.

I myself am "Pollution Conscience", and after a few years of driving on the very ranchland associated with this bill in the Gillette area, I feel that this bill would not be protecting existing use of CBM water by ranches, livestock and wildlife in these areas. Also I feel that the ranches will suffer damage if this rule is passed. I have also spoken to several ranches that I know personally, about the fact that the CBM water is held to a stricter standard than other discharged water and that the rule would not stand up.

Through the years I understand that problems exist with some individuals, however changing water quality rules is not a fix for those solutions. I think the law makers should look at the many options available for conflict resolutions that are not being pursued by these petitioners.

In closing I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide contact information so they could reach you if they have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Franco

