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

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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking - Powder River Basin Resource Council et al - WQD Chapter 2.

I have lived in Gillette since 1978, and have worked in the CBM industry since 1999. My job has allowed me as a single woman to make a comfortable living due to the higher wages paid by the CBM industry. If I did not have this job my quality of life would be severely impacted.

Everyone in Campbell and Johnson counties benefits from CBM in the form of lower taxes, wonderful public facilities like Cam-plex, the Public Library, and the Recreation Center. I bet these ranchers have shopped at Home Depot a time or two also, a store that would not be in Gillette were it not for the growth brought about by CBM development.

I can appreciate the wishes of the ranchers and the PRBRC members to protect their lands and the water quality; we ALL want that, including the CBM producers. Water quality and land protection rules are already in place and if the rules need to be changed they need to apply to ALL producers of discharged water the same. This should include oil wells, conventional gas wells, coal mines, municipal water facilities, etc. Targeting the quality of CBM discharged water and holding it to separate standards that are higher than other industries is unfair.

The company I work for has spent millions of dollars on processes to treat the discharge water and dispose of it in useful ways where feasible, and has bent over backwards to appease the ranchers whose land is affected. Yes the Anadarko pipeline is a great way to dispose of the water, but I'll bet if a producer wanted to cross any of these rancher's lands with a similar pipeline they would be told "no, go away".

Adopting a blanket "fix" to the issue a few people are having by effectively shutting down the CBM discharge is not the answer. If this rule change is approved the only thing you will be accomplishing is making a lot of attorneys a lot richer.

I guess I don't see what's wrong with having a few more duck ponds on the prairie, or putting enough water into the Powder River so you could actually call it a river, or seeing herds of fat, healthy deer and antelope around because they have more grazing and more access to water...all seems beneficial to me.

Government rules should be made with regard to what is best for the majority not what is best for a few.

Sincerely,



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