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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon,

My name is Bob Hockert and I am writing in regards to the proposed rule change to WQD Chapter 2. I am 49 years of age, resident of Campbell County, Wyoming (17 years) and landowner in Crook Cook County, Wyoming. I am an Eagle Scout, earned a degree from the University of Colorado in Chemistry, am a recreational scuba diver, recreational pilot, married for 27 years and raised two children in Wyoming. I am a local business owner and have provided livelihood to 20-40 employees yearly since 1997. I consider myself of solid constitution and sound judgment.

I attended a meeting concerning the proposed rule change and I am alarmed at the ability of small interest groups to potentially mold business parameters affecting the business environment of my industry. The way I understand this proposal, CBM discharge waters would be classified as a pollutant if the chemistry is different than the receiving waters which would effectively eliminate all CBM surface water discharge permits. Furthermore, it is not proposed to change existing conventional oil and gas water discharge rules. I believe this is a flagrant attempt to target the CBM industry with unreasonable regulatory burden in an attempt to shut-down operations.

In addition, the Barium levels are currently 1800 PPB which is more stringent than drinking water standards of 2000 PPB. There is a proposal to further reduce (for CBM only) this level to 200 PPB making the standard five times more restrictive than drinking water. This again seems to be a clear strategy to target the CBM industry.

When considering these types of rule changes you must weigh financial impacts to the communities verses the potential benefit to the environment. I cannot believe the weighing of the issues could in any way support the rule changes. Approval of the rule change would only drive industry to more economical areas of the country and reduce available water to this arid region. In my case I would be forced to move 4 drilling rigs and crews to New Mexico. Last year we billed and paid taxes on over 4.0 million in revenues and supported 25 families in the Gillette area.

I hope clear and reasonable evaluations guide your decision.

Bob Hockert
Owner and Operations Manager
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