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

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon and fellow Councilman,

My name is Jeff Morgan. I am opposed to the Petition put before you by the Powder River Basin Resource Council named the **Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H.**

I am a life long resident of Campbell County. I chose to stay here because I could make a living here as a rancher. The drought has had a huge impact on the number of livestock we can run and the way we manage our pastures. If it had not been for the CBM industry my wife and I would currently be running no livestock at all. We have taken the liberty to enclose pictures of some of our light calves. Please also find pictures of reservoirs filled with CBM water that have allowed us to continue to run some livestock and allowed us to better rotate and manage our pastures in this severe drought. The benefits of CBM have far out-weighted the bad. Sure we put up with some dust and some inconvenient traffic. CBM operators have done ranch improvements that we could have never afforded to do. A well placed cattleguard, a few new gates, and most of all water and reclamation seeding have been a huge win for us. We feel our reclaimed grass areas are 100 percent better then the old stands. One of the other great things that CBM water has brought us is the ability to plant windbreaks that amount to 1,600 trees. We are very proud of our wind breaks as they have added value to our property. They offer wind protection to our livestock as well as various species of wildlife. We never have considered water to be a burden. Our current permitted stock and domestic wells have very poor quality water compared to the CBM water. Our two track ranch roads that were impassable in mud and snow are now graveled and usable year round.

In conclusion, please deny the petition that has been put before you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-680-1771 or in the evening at 307-682-7355. Please accept my sincere invitation to visit our ranch.

Respectfully,

Jeff & Becky Morgan

