

January 26, 2007

Mr. Mark Gordon  
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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

RE: Petition To Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am a permitting agent for Yates Petroleum Corp. and a resident of Gillette, Wyoming. I moved to Gillette 2 years ago in search of a better life for me and my family. I found what I was looking for; a good job and a diverse community that has opportunities for anyone, regardless of their background. My wife has a Masters in Art History and found a job as the director of the AVA community art center. We love it here in Gillette and would like to see it continue to grow and prosper.

I have read the Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H, and I am very concerned about the potential consequences that this petition would set into motion if made into a rule. The PRBRC has stated in the petition that they are in favor of responsible development; I am also in favor of responsible development; however, I don't see that as the goal of this petition. I gather from the petition that the PRBRC is intending to shut down the entire CBM industry in Wyoming. This would have disastrous effects on my family and thousands of others in Gillette and all over the state of Wyoming.

In my job as a permitting agent I deal with many landowners who have been hit hard by the drought we have been in, and they are thrilled to have access to water. It has become very difficult to make a living as a rancher; especially one who only has a small family operation. For many of these landowners the CBM industry has provided them extra income and an ample supply of water that has enabled them to continue ranching and supporting their families. Many of them have commented that before CBM came their operations were in serious trouble of failing; however, now they are able to continue ranching. For these ranchers this is the greatest gift anyone could have given them.

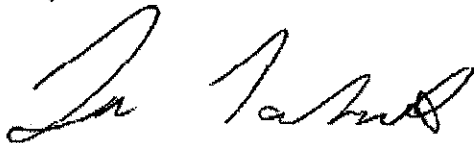
The DEQ regulates our discharges and does not allow the discharge of water that would have negative effects on livestock, wildlife or the environment. They have

studied the water and the soils of Wyoming and determined acceptable limits of constituents present in the CBM discharge water. These limits are based on science not on emotion. I sympathize with the petitioners that feel they have been wronged by the methane companies; however, we must make our decisions based on science and not emotion; especially when the potential consequences could have devastating effects on the state of Wyoming.

We all need to be mindful of our actions to avoid the degradation of the environment. The answer to this is responsible development not the elimination of an entire industry; an industry that supports thousands of families and is an integral part of the economy of this state.

Looking at the Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H; keep in mind that if it is made into a rule it would administer very serious consequences onto the people and economy of this great state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeb Tachick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jebediah Tachick  
Regulatory Agent  
Yates Petroleum