

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Tracy Kirk and I am writing you today to express my feelings on issues with the **COAL BED METHANE**. If I am understanding correctly there are some new standards being thrown at the **CBM** Industry regarding water discharge that could cause the Industry to shut down all methane production. I hope the people that support this new standard or ruling fully understand the catastrophic events that will soon follow.

I will paint you a picture of what some of these events could be, from my stand point:

CBM company's will shut down the fields and move on to greener pasture leaving the pastures and meadows being irrigated here dry from lack of water. Those ranchers that have become wealthier since working with the CBM now want to cut ties with it and leave the rest of us to wither up.

Gillette and other area communities will greatly suffer. All this building more homes, apartments, and new business will be for nothing. Who is going to live in or occupy these structures?. Better question. Who will be able to pay for these structures with out jobs that were supported by the methane production. What business will have to close do to not enough people spending money they no longer can make. Can you visualize Gillette, Wright, Moorcroft, Newcastle etc as a ghost town.



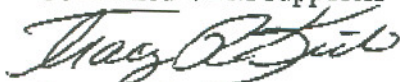
What about the money from mineral royalty that all of us want to spend on bettering our community. Do you believe those funds will be affected? No event center, no new schools, no rec center, and no additional funds for anything

Non- Profit organizations will suffer. So once again the less fortunate will be more less fortunate.

Out of State people will suffer also, No new jobs, no revenue from serving the CBM community etc.

Most people I know will be affected by losing their job then their car, then their home, then everything else. When they have nothing else they won't even be able to stay in a shelter as they the non profit will be affected to.

Thank you for your time  
Concerned CBM supporter



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