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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council  
122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building , Room 1714  
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Re Citizen Petition of the Powder River Basin Resource Council

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm opposed to any rulemaking that has been presented by a petition from the Powder River Basin Resource Council. I understand that the Governor has appointed a Coal Bed Methane Task Force to look at water issues and to make recommendations. I know their recommendations are not due until October 2007. I believe that you should let the process work and not make any rules until the task force has finished their work.

I want the ability to determine what I want to do with the water that is produced on my ranch. Also, I want the flexibility to be able to negotiate my surface use agreements without rules and regulations interfering in my business. As a general rule, I am opposed to government being in my business. We have rules now and they are working for the large majority of landowners and ranchers. I respectfully request that you deny the citizens petition and wait for the recommendations of the task force at the end of the year.

Sincerely,

  
Duane Odegard