

Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I recently became aware of, and have reviewed a Petition to amend the Wyoming Water Quality Rule by setting produced water standards for the Coal Bed Methane industry. If this rule change is accepted as written it will have an adverse effect on all Coal Bed Methane activities in the state, and more than likely will also affect conventional oil and gas development and production. I see limits proposed for produced waters that are even more stringent than the water I drink every day.

I am presently employed by the Marathon Oil Company as a facility engineer here in Gillette and have been involved in the development of CBM since 1999. I oppose any rulemaking that reduces or eliminates the ability of coal bed produced water to be discharged and/or beneficially used. At the present time there are a lot of ranchers we work with on a daily basis to keep stock watered and to supply irrigation for. These waters have also been a blessing to the wildlife here in the Powder River Basin. Please consider the large effect this rule will have over a thriving industry in Wyoming and here alone in the Powder River Basin. I fear that the rule if allowed to take affect will place our CBM and oil & gas industry in jeopardy as a whole.

I Oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al – WQD chapter 2

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on this proposed rule. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the following address and/or phone number.



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