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In regards to: Citizen Petition for Rule Making - Powder River Basin Resource Council

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Mark Gordon  
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council  
122 W. 25th St.  
Herschler Building, Rm. 1714  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mark Gordon,

SUBJECT: ETAL-REVISED VERSION - WQD CHAPTER 2

Oedekoven Excavating & Construction bases over 90% of our business in the methane industry throughout Campbell and Johnson Counties. We employ anywhere between 7-16 employees throughout each year, providing top wages. We pride ourselves on providing safe, efficient business practices for not only our customers but for the land owners as well. Our lively hood, as well as those we employ depends heavily on the methane industry.

Campbell County has seen a significant increase in business related growth for past several years. Landowners and ranchers have benefited immensely from the methane industry. Land improvement, water access, and revenue are just a few of the benefits many have experienced due to the methane industry. Campbell County, Johnson County and many others has seen an increase in the population and housing growth directly related to the methane operations that have grown over the past years. Water is more accessible for livestock, wildlife, and many dry creek beds now have an abundance of water. This is especially important since we have been experiencing major droughts and wild fires for several years now.

It is vital to our company as well as the community that the methane industry is allowed to grow without being encumbered by politics and continual delays in issuing permits. The methane industry supplies a vital role in energy, allowing the United States to take one more step in becoming self-dependant on local resources, rather than from abroad. The more resources the nation can utilize and profit from, the better for all those involved, whether it be laboring in the methane fields or utilizing the energy as far away as the east coast. To hinder methane operations would have an adverse affect on the economy, businesses, and the local and surrounding areas.

Please take all things into consideration when making decisions that may have an adverse affect on our futures. Please feel free to contact us in regards to our operations, opinions, and experiences. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Roger Oedekoven  
Owner  
Oedekoven Excavating & Construction, LLC