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RE: Citizen Petition for rulemaking-Powder River Basin Resource Council et al - Revised
Version - WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon,

My name is Tammy Harris. I am a landowner -rancher in Campbell County. My property has the Wildcat drainage inside the boundaries. I have been made aware of the PRBRC's attempt to change rules for discharge of methane water and find this to be a terrible change and it could also be called discrimination.

I use the methane water that is discharged for my livestock to drink. Without the water (especially in the last few drought years), there would be No water in my pastures. If I am not allowed to continue to use the methane water in the fashion I have grown accustomed to I may as well try to sell my livestock. It will financially devastate me and my family. My family will lose their way of life. I know of many ranchers who would be in the same situation. How can the ideas of a few ruin the livelihood of all the rest of us?

I have a trout pond (which is also the pond the livestock drink from) in the pasture out back. I planted trout in this pond about 6 years ago. They are getting huge!! If this water is so terrible, how is it a delicate creature like trout can survive?

Most of the people out here have been drinking this "methane" water most if their lives. They're still here!! When I fill my sink with water to do dishes or use the water to cook it releases methane in my house. We are still here!!

I do not know how a person can discriminate between methane discharge and other water discharges. If the drinking water is held at a lower standard than the methane water discharge where is the fairness in that? Standards should be the same no matter what kind of industry you are talking about. I know the coal mines have discharged methane water for years. What is difference now? I feel the PRBRC has picked out the coalbed methane people as a target to harass. We live in a land of "equality", and I hope you will keep this in mind while considering this proposal.

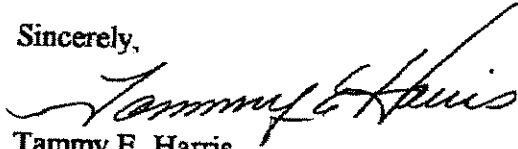
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I believe we should work together to solve problems we all have. I do not however, believe that the views of a "few" who have chosen to bully the methane companies, other land owners, and water users to get their way, should have the only say!!

If this rule is passed many peoples way of life will be ruined. There will be men, women, and children without any form of income. Gillette itself will dwindle. Please take into consideration what you could do to many, many people if PRBRC has its way.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions at any time. I am hopeful all views will be carefully looked into.

Sincerely,



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