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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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RE: Opposing the Petition for Rulemaking – PRBRC et al – WQD Chapter 2


Dear Mr. Gordon:

My name is Crystal I Walker of Gillette, Wyoming. I work for Yates Petroleum Corporation as a Land Technician/Mapper. I oppose rulemaking that reduces or eliminates the ability for coalbed produced water to be discharged and thus beneficially used. I was born and raised in Gillette, WY. I moved away for 10 years after graduating from high school to attend college and started my career. I moved back to Gillette in 2000 with my husband and child to begin working in the CBM industry. My husband also works in the CBM industry servicing CBM wells. We are doing very well in Gillette and love the community and schools. If this rule is passed, it will be detrimental to me and my family. Not only will it destroy our sole source of income, it will destroy the community! This town has boomed due to the CBM activities and has benefited tremendously from it. The tax revenue that has been generated from the CBM industry has enabled the town of Gillette to improve and develop wonderfully! If this rule is passed I'm afraid that my family and I will have to move from the wonderful state of Wyoming to make a living else where.

Please consider when making your decision that I understand that problems with some individuals might exist, however changing water quality rules is not a fix for those solutions. There are many options available for conflict resolutions that are not being pursued by the petitioners. Remember also, that the Attorney General's office has repeatedly cautioned against this petition and the rule it proposed, and the EQC would be wise to heed their attorney's advice.

Please take my concerns to heart when making your decision. Mine and my family's livelihood depends on it!

Thank you very much for your time.


Crystal I. Walker