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Gentlemen.

On behalf of myself as a Wilson Supply employee I would like to express my concerns about the water discharge in the Powder River Basin from coal bed methane production.

Myself along with numerous others could see drastic changes in our employment, wages, and livelihood if this discharge were to be shut down or altered. Having lived in Campbell County since the 1960's I can tell you the water being discharged today comes from the same formation as our drinking water in the 1960, in fact most is better than the water we used for day to day use at that time.

The ranchers enjoying the benefit of this water should pray it never stops instead of fighting some discharge. In the Big Horn Basin ranchers are elated to have discharge water for their use. Twenty years of CBM discharge would barely fill a good Lake Desmit and what rancher or farmer in his right mind would not like to have a body of water like that to access. We probably ship more water than that out of the state on coal trains headed east.

This plan to shut water discharge down would affect numerous jobs, businesses, and taxes in the state, if not devastate us altogether. CBM energy is a great addition to our Wyoming economy and future. We should do everything in our power to work with these producers while watching our environment as these CBM producers have done. Wyoming is the Equality State lets keep it that way.

Sincerely,

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PS: I am available for questions or further discussion at 302-687-3171

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