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Mr. Gordon,

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My name is Annette Hoffman. This is my second letter to you concerning the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking. I moved to Gillette, WY. one year ago. I love this community. I have a good-paying job in the CBM industry. I have worked since I was 13 years old. The job I have now in the CBM industry is the first one I have ever held that paid more than 30K a year. I have struggled as a single parent for over 20 years. I went back to college in 2002 to earn my Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies. My job in the CBM industry allows me to live without government assistance, help my daughter go to college, pay my bills, and STILL have something to put away for retirement.

I am very concerned about the environment. Not just here in NE Wyoming, but in all areas. I was born and raised just 200 miles northwest of Gillette, WY. CBM water is not the enemy. Water management, or lack of, is the true culprit. There are many, MANY options to handling this discharge water. Please be reasonable in the decisions that affect so many of us on a personal level. Let us try to leave out emotions and look at the hard scientific facts that can be held up to any tests yet developed.

To cut off all the water output from CBM development is not a feasible nor responsible solution. I have seen firsthand the beneficial uses for this discharge water. I have been in CBM fields and the benefits have far out-weighted any detriments to the land. There are more ranchers who will suffer consequences from *stopping* CBM discharges than the few ranchers and landowners who are supporting this petition. At a meeting just last night in Gillette, a landowner stood and related the fact that her name was put on the Citizen petition without her knowledge or permission. How are we now supposed to believe that anyone whose name is on that petition is genuine?

NE Wyoming needs CBM development. Stopping discharge waters or applying unreasonable limits to the constituent limits is not the solution. I understand there are problems with some individuals; however, changing the WDEQ rules is not a fix for those solutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this petition.


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