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DATE: February 14, 2007

PLEASE DELIVER TO:

NAME: Mr. Mark Gordon, WY Environmental Quality Council
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Honorable Dave Freudenthal, Office of the Governor
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Mr. Bill Dirienzo, WY Department of Environmental Quality
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SENDER: Daniel P. Coolidge, County Commissioner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Attached is a letter commenting on proposed rule, Section 20, Appendix H, Agricultural Use Protection. If you have any questions, please contact our office. Thank you.

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Re: Proposed Rulemaking – Section 20, Appendix H – Agricultural Use Protection

Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On behalf of the Campbell County Board of Commissioners, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's proposed Chapter 1, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations, referenced above.

The Board of Commissioners strongly supports the Coal Bed Natural Gas Industry. As you are well aware, the mineral industry and specifically the Coal Bed Methane (CBM) industry are the lifeblood of not only Campbell County but also the State of Wyoming. The Board is equally supportive of the agricultural industry and the property rights of landowners. The rulemaking you are currently considering has the potential to hamstring, if not completely shut down the CBM industry. Our fear is that production will be curtailed or even halted, resulting in the loss of a major revenue stream locally and statewide. The stringent regulations this rulemaking would impose do not appear to leave many options for the industry in dealing with water management issues. Also, it appears that, even though this rulemaking is currently targeted specifically to the CBM industry, it has the potential to affect the mining industry as well. It also can greatly affect ranching operations that have come to rely on this water resource.

In closing, I would ask that you seriously consider the long term ramifications to not only our local economy, but that of the State's as well, and not proceed with the rules and regulations as proposed. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

CAMPBELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Daniel P. Coolidge,
County Commissioner

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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Mr. Bill Dirienzo