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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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Dear Sir(s),

As Ranchers/Managers, we are very concerned that if Appendix H is allowed to pass with the proposed affluent limits, that it would not only stop CBM produced water but that it would stop all water being pumped to the surface. This would have a Huge impact on our business! This PRBRC citizen petition, if adopted into Appendix H, not only limits water production from CBM, but also could determine the outcome of current and future stock water wells. The new limits could mean shutting our wells down and/or not being permitted for ranch use. This brings to mind several questions such as:

1. "Where will DEQ go next to enforce their water quality standards as per Appendix H"?
2. Would the Ag Use Protection language present a legal problem for DEQ as either a rule or a policy in implementation?
3. Will this policy/rule affect the limiting jurisdiction of the State Engineer?
4. Who is going to compensate rancher who are negatively impacted by loss of water use or by additional acreage required to build reservoirs capable of containing the 50 year/24 hour event?
5. Can you tell me how much rain or snowfall is in a 50 year /24 hour event?

The affluent limits are way out of reason, they are far and above the limits that are currently set for our states drinking water. Additional regulations are creating more work for the DEQ, which in turn requires more labor, which we as tax payers are paying for.

We already have enough government regulations in place! This along with other issues is increasingly taking away our rights as private citizens, land owners and entrepreneurs.

Thank you for your time and we urge you to carefully consider your decision on the Appendix H matter.

Sincerely,

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