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From Jim Gossens,
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Subject: AG Use Protection Policy

Mark, Bill,

I am the District Manager with Weatherford CPS in Gillette Wyoming, I am writing this letter as a response to the possible passing of the AG Use Protection Policy currently the EQC considering making rule changes.

As I see the policy all water that will be discharged from all CBM well needs to meet, the levels set forth by this Council. The limits under this policy are such that the city of Gillette Drinking water, irrigation for parks, rain run-off cannot meet this stringent level I am hoping that the Council takes in account how this will affect the Landowners, Producers, Service Companies, and the thousands of people working in this industry.

Probably the biggest effect would be in the Mineral Tax base, a large amount of tax money would be lost if such a policy is approved, companies would have to shut down production thus laying off people and effecting the amount of money Wyoming collects on Mineral Royalties and Sales Tax, I believe would also pay the councils salaries since they are I believe are under the budget of the Governor's office.

I have been involved in the CBM Industry for nine years as a field service level, a sales level and now a manager for Weatherford CPS and watched how the water is used and how not having the water can the landowners in drought years. Being an active person in hunting and fishing, I am very aware of wildlife and I have seen no negative effects of water to the wildlife resources but exactly the opposite.

I currently have 32 employees at my location, which are at some level connected to the CBM Industry in Gillette. Along with those 32 people employed here, they have families, which number around 100 individuals directly involved in this industry.

I do not believe the DEQ and the EQC have evaluated the social and economic impacts this would have on the CBM Industry and the Powder River Basin.

I cannot speak for my employees but I know them well enough to say we all do not agree with the AG Use Protection Policy.

Thank you the opportunity to comment on this policy.

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