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**RE: Appendix H of section 20, Chapter 1 Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations - will not allow any discharge of produced water. Period. None of the CBM water in the Powder River Basin or even groundwater elsewhere in WY - including that in existing ranch stock tanks used for stock watering - will meet proposed water quality standards. This means that ranchers, CBM producers, or any other party who discharges groundwater to the surface in Wyoming will no longer be able to continue doing so.**

Mr. Mark Gordon,

Stop this action and send a message to the Powder River Basin Resource Council that Wyoming is interested in developing a sound Coal Bed Methane industry based on science and engineering and not on fear or personal feelings. CBM is both, good for the State of Wyoming and the people who live and work here. Jobs, taxes, and opportunities are abundant in a thriving economy, which Wyoming now enjoys, in part thanks to CBM. Schools, roads, housing and jobs are being built and created by the ability to use and produce materials provided or contained in the ground here in Wyoming.

The Powder River Basin Resource Council is trying to stop CBM development and in turn ruin the ability of the Wyoming farm and ranch community from raising and caring for their crops or livestock operations, which in turn, provides a living and a way of life for their families.

Look at Senate File 055, which was voted down on January 19, 2007. The members of that committee stated that the CBM Task Force was addressing the issue and their recommendations would be used.

The water produced from CBM benefits both the agricultural industry and the Wyoming wildlife. Water is put to good use as stock and wildlife water and crop or range irrigation. The science is in place, which allows the land application of this water to not only raise a crop but to increase the protein content and the amount of harvestable product. The soils are treated and enhanced and life goes on. The wildlife utilizes the water and feed and thus thrives. Streams are not degraded, as the PRBRC wants us to believe. There are no significant changes in stream water, which would harm or threaten Wyoming's wildlife or the agricultural industry.

Thanks for your considerations on this matter.

Sincerely,



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