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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
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RE: DEQ's Proposed Rule/Policy (Appendix H) regarding Chapter 1, Section 20.

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I am an Administrative Specialist working in the Safety Department for Pennaco/Marathon Oil Company in Gillette, WY. I grew up in Wyoming and moved back to the state after losing my job in Denver in June 2004. I moved back here because I love living here and was tired of big city living.

I would like to make the following points about this rule:

- If a rancher wants water to flow down his drainage, he may be prohibited to do so if WYDEQ arbitrarily sets SAR and EC limits that CBM produced water cannot meet.
- The section on "Naturally Irrigated Lands" would allow a single landowner or even a third party to deprive landowners from beneficial use of water suitable for wildlife and livestock.
- Natural rainwater flowing down the drainages during storms does not typically meet the default limits spelled out in the Draft Section 20 rule/Policy.
- This policy/rule has the effect of limiting the jurisdiction of the State Engineer and appropriated water rights.
- The Water and Waste Advisory Board suggested to WYDEQ that it consider water quality standards based on the Bridger Montana Study. This study is more appropriate for use in Wyoming as the study makes use of soils similar to that in Wyoming, rather than the California study currently being used. DEQ should heed the advice of the WWAB.
- This Rule/Policy places the Operator in a position where existing water management plans and structures such as reservoirs are made obsolete, resulting in substantial costs to replace, possibly making fields uneconomical.
- Operators recognize water management is a critical path to their development plans. Operators will not likely drill/construct projects until a water management plan can be firmed up. This policy/rule will likely have a negative effect on future development of CBNG resources in the Powder River Basin.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rule. Again, please register my opposition to making this a rule or policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Sue Redle".

Mary Sue Redle