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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman Wyoming Environmental Quality Council 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Building, Room 1714 Cheyenne, WY 82002 FILEN

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have reviewed the proposed Section 20 rule changes. We are in opposition to the Section 20 proposed rule changes for the following reasons:

- Several members of our family are employed in the CBM industry, and we are thankful for the job opportunity which allows us to meet our financial obligations. The proposed Section 20 rule changes places ours and many other families' financial stability at risk. Ultimately this will cause great harm to the economy in the state of Wyoming.
- Ranchers work extremely hard to realize a financial profit in their businesses and the proposed Section 20 rule changes will not allow them to have the liberty to utilize resources that belong to them; namely their own water on their own land as they see fit. The rule changes will hinder, not help current agricultural practices in the state. Using their own resources as they see fit has allowed many ranchers to stay in business and avoid foreclosure, especially since the current drought has been of such long duration.

We appreciate you passing our opposition and comments on to the appropriate party.

Sincerely,

Mike Jaeger

Beth Jaeger