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RE: DEQ Chapter 1 Water Quality Rule Changes before the EQC

Dear Members of the EQC:

We support the position of the Powder River Basin Resource Council regarding proposed changes to Chapter 1 of the Water Quality Rules and Regs.

We support stronger protection for our ephemeral drainages and bottomland meadows impacted and damaged by CBM discharges.

Please include default limits for CBM discharges that do not exceed an EC of 1300 and SAR of 5 to ensure protection of soils, grazing lands and irrigated lands. These requirements should not be changed by a Tier 2 and Tier 3 process. Protections put in place should not be waived on a case by case basis. This is a back door way that industry uses to avoid protecting Wyoming's environment.

Please protect all ephemeral drainages and bottomlands regardless of their size. In Wyoming these areas are very important. Plus discharge water must meet irrigation water quality at the point of use. Plus reject the new category of Effluent Dependent Waters.

Industry should be required to prove they are not harming existing uses, not the rancher or landowner.

Sincerely,
Neil O. and Jennifer S. Miller

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