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Re: Proposed Rulemaking on Chapter 1, Section 20 – “Ag Use Protection Policy”

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I am writing to you today to voice my concern in regards to the proposed “Ag Use Protection Policy”. I strongly oppose this rule because it places the Operator in a position where existing water management plans and structures such as reservoirs are made obsolete, potentially resulting in substantial costs to replace and possibly making fields uneconomical.

Water management decisions need to be left to landowners and operators. Reservoirs need to remain a viable water management tool without being required to contain the 50 year / 24 hour flood event and all produced water. The CBM industry is already carrying a sizable regulatory burden. This rule/policy would add further regulatory and economic burden.

Please don't allow this rule/policy making happen. If this passes the operators will go elsewhere and so will the jobs and people.

Thank You,

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