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RE: Appendix H of section 20, Chapter 1 Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations

Mr. Mark Gordon,


I am writing to provide comments **opposing** the proposed rule change(s) with respect to Section 20, Chapter 1 Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations. It is clear that the proposed changes would be damaging to Wyoming and the majority of its residents. Ranchers would lose the ability to beneficially use CBM produced water for anything simply at the demand of some downstream landowner who perceived that it might damage his land. The head of DEQ has stated that virtually all discharges of CBM water would not be able to be permitted under the proposed limits.

The Powder River Basin Resource Council is trying to stop CBM development. For too long the voice of a vocal minority has been dictating the actions of the silent majority. The views of the petitioners are not the views of the people of Wyoming who choose to make it their home. I am one of many longtime Wyoming residents who want to remain here and invest their productive lives into making it their home. The proposed changes would very likely eliminate my job and the jobs of thousands of other residents who make their living in the CBM industry.

As manager of operations for the company I work for, I can tell you that if surface discharge of CBM produced water is not permitted, we will lose approximately ninety percent of our 100mmcf/d natural gas production.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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