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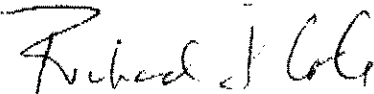
Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
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Environmental Quality Council  
Attention: Chairperson  
122W 25th Street  
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Dear Sir(s): We are writing to add our support to a petition that is requesting you to enact regulatory controls to prevent the waste of billions of gallons of coal bed methane discharge water. We are experiencing the effects of loss of coal seam water due to methane gas extraction around our property. Because of the removal of this water from the Anderson coal seam around our property we have lost the water from a coal seam spring feeding our seven acre foot reservoir. The permanent muskrat inhabitant who lived on the banks and in the water is also gone. Turtles flipped over and died in the slowly evaporating waters. No more ducks and their nests fashioned amidst the reeds. Gone are the exotic egret and other migratory birds stopping for a rest at water's edge. No sip of water for the roaming deer and antelope. This used to be a permanent fixture on my property. Now it is completely gone.

This same thing will happen to the evaporative ponds that are now in place. These ponds are a temporary benefit to wildlife but come at the cost of destroying underground springs and long standing ponds. When the coal bed methane operations are over the evaporative ponds will be gone. The aquifers will be empty. The once natural springs and ponds will disappear.

Save and regulate Wyoming Water!



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