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High Plains Gas, LLC  
P.O. Box 1564  
Gillette, WY 82717

Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
Environmental Quality Council

Re: Notice of Termination of High Plains Gas, LLC WYPDES discharge permits

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division intends to revoke and terminate a number of WYPDES discharge permits currently held by High Plains Gas, LLC for discharges of coal bed methane produced water in Wyoming.

The reasons for termination include High Plains' failure to pay required permit fees under W.S. 35-11-312, failure to comply with permit conditions and failure to comply with an administrative Order.

The DEQ issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and Order to High Plains Gas, LLC on June 5, 2013 - Docket Number 5158-13. High Plains did not request a hearing before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) to contest that order, which was subsequently approved by the EQC on July 15, 2013 - EQC Docket Number 5158-13. The Order required in part, High Plains to pay delinquent permit fees and to submit required monitoring reports. High Plains has not complied with or responded to the Order in any fashion.

Because of High Plains' failure to comply, the DEQ intends to revoke and terminate the following WYPDES permits:

WY Permit Number	FacilityName	Permit Issue Date	Permit Expiration Date
WY0036501	North Burlington Lake Prospect CBM Wells	6/29/2009	4/30/2014
WY0038113	Stonepile CS State #1 CBM Wells	4/7/2009	12/31/2013
WY0040797	Wild Horse Project PH III (B)	12/31/2008	12/31/2013
WY0041823	Middle Prong Wild Horse Creek	3/16/2010	8/31/2014
WY0041858	House Creek CBM--S. Prong Wild Horse Creek	2/3/2012	12/31/2016



WY0042056	OK Creek Drainage CBM Project	6/29/2012	4/30/2017
WY0042064	Cottonwood Creek Project	6/29/2012	4/30/2017
WY0042471	Groves Ranch CBM Project	4/21/2010	12/31/2014
WY0046485	Cates Draw Phase II	7/20/2009	4/30/2014
WY0047881	McBeth 8-Beaver Creek Option 2	11/21/2011	11/30/2015
WY0047899	Mcbeth 8-North Beaver Creek Option 2	11/21/2011	11/30/2015
WY0048178	Beaver Creek-Davis Option 2	11/21/2011	11/30/2015
WY0048275	Kline Draw (A)	4/26/2011	2/28/2015
WY0048593	Cates 35-Rossnecker Draw	6/29/2012	2/28/2017
WY0048631	Beaver Creek-McBeth 18 Option 2	11/21/2011	11/30/2015
WY0050156	Deer Creek-Cates 35 Option 2	4/26/2011	6/30/2015
WY0051543	Crazy Woman East Option 2	5/6/2009	2/28/2014
WY0051951	Knudson 9 Option 2	6/29/2012	2/28/2017

If High Plains Gas, LLC wishes to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the permits you must do so in writing on or before October 17, 2013. Comments or questions on this action should be directed to Bill DiRienzo, Wyoming DEQ/WQD, Herschler Building – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West, 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002; [bill.dirienzo@wyo.gov](mailto:bill.dirienzo@wyo.gov).

Sincerely,



Bill DiRienzo  
WYPDES Program Manager  
Water Quality Division

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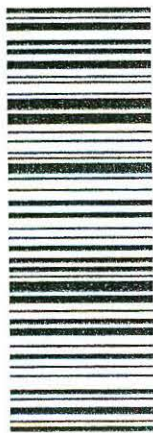
cc: Kevin Frederick, WQD Administrator  
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Jim Ruby, Wyoming Environmental Quality Council  
Mike Barrash, AG's Office

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