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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Environmental Quality Council,

This comment is in regard to the Ag Protection Policy. I lived in Wyoming from 1963 – 2003, and am both a retired UW faculty member in the Department of Botany and a citizen who is informed and concerned about: Rancher Protection and Conservation.

I have read the report by Drs Hendrickx and Buchannan. Their report makes it evident that the “Tier 2” system for estimating water quality is invalid because of imprecise and inadequate methods !

I here urge you to sponsor a thorough study of the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of CBM water release and develop guidelines that will benefit the land, the ranchers, and in the long-run the mining companies !

Sincerely,



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