

Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Members:

Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

This water problem has been going on too long and it is incumbent on this Council to strengthen regulations that now allow on going abuse, putting too many bottomlands, croplands, pastures, livestock, small ranchers, big ranchers.....along with anything using CBM water be it fish, humans, wildlife and all farm, ranch animals. I am not a landowner, but I grew up on a wheat farm/dairy in south central Kansas and know what cruddy water can do.

You all must raise water quality standards that now allow industry to harm both artificially and naturally irrigated lands. You must allow science to overrule \$\$\$\$\$ and adopt the levels recommended by UW: sulphur—1,000mg/1 for animal health, total dissolved solids—500mg/1, flouride max. allowance 2,000 mg/1, sodium (dissolved) less than 1,000mg/1. I feel you must list standards for all relevant chemical elements....and applied to all irrigated lands, be they natural or man made; small or large bodies of water.

These must be applied year 'round. Do not allow the CBM industry to implement loose, careless, science established for their own advantage and gains. Just who broke the record for corporate profits this year?.....Exon-Mobil!!Not agriculture!!!!!!

Please get rid of the implementation of "Tier2 and Tier 3. To date Tier soil sampling levels, approved by DEQ are damaging soil and water quality in good bottomlands.

Stop irrigation waivers that allow use of CBM effluent but DO NOT PREVENT IT FROM POLLUTING DOWNSTREAM. IF A RANCHER WANTS TO USE IT, IT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED OFF HIS ACREAGE INTO DOWNSTREAM AREAS. THIS DISCHARGE IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

Please eliminate the "Reasonable Access Requirement". This denies protections unless a rancher allows industry on his land to conduct soil sampling/testing which apparently is used to promote non-scientific Tier 2 and Tier 3 studies.

Thank you,

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