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Coal Bed Methane Produced Water Working Group to Convene for Final Meeting

Cheyenne, Wyo. On Friday, Nov 5, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Coal bed Methane Produced Water Working Group will reconvene for their final meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Gillette, Wyoming.

This meeting is being convened by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to receive and discuss the work of a Technical Advisory Team which has been analyzing the technical aspects of the Working Group recommendations related to water being discharged from coal bed methane wells in the Powder River Basin.

At the meeting, the technical advisory team will present their analysis and proposed solutions to the working group. Then, based on that information and the overall recommendations of the Working Group, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality will present their approach to improve the permitting process for coal bed methane produced water management. Following that, Steve Smutko from the Ruckelshaus Institute at the University of Wyoming will lead the group in discussion of the recommendations, technical analysis and new permitting approach to identify areas where there consensus exists and areas where additional input is needed to clarify the best course of action to follow. There will also be time set aside for inputs from members of the general public who may want to offer their views or concerns.

Information from previous meetings of the group and additional support materials provided to the group are available on the internet at:

<http://deq.state.wy.us/Coalbedworkinggroup.htm>.

For additional information or any ADA needs to attend the meeting, contact Dan Clark, DEQ, by phone at: 307 777-7388 or by e-mail at: dclark@wyo.gov.

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