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Coal Bed Methane Produced Water Working Group to Convene

Cheyenne, Wyo. - On Thursday, January 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Coal Bed Methane Produced Water Working Group will reconvene for their second meeting at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2009 S. Douglas Hwy, Gillette, Wyoming.

The first meeting on December 2, 2009, was convened by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to discuss issues related to water being discharged from coal bed methane (CBM) wells in the Powder River Basin.

At this second meeting, the working group will build on work completed during their initial gathering. The summary from the initial meeting will be reviewed and any open questions from that session answered. Facilitator Steve Smutko from the Ruckelshaus Institute at the University of Wyoming will then lead the group through discussion and approval of a group charter, an assessment of working group member interests and adoption of working group goals. There will also be time set aside to identify issues that need to be dealt with by the group and for inputs from members of the general public who may want to offer their views or concerns.

Information from the first meeting 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, 307 777-7388 or dclark@wyo.gov.

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