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Coal Bed Methane Produced Water Working Group to Convene

Cheyenne, Wyo. - On Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Coal bed Methane Produced Water Working Group will reconvene for their sixth meeting at the Gillette College Technical Training Center, 3251 South 4-J Road Gillette, Wyoming. This series of meetings is being convened by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to discuss issues related to water being discharged from coal bed methane wells in the Powder River Basin.

At this sixth meeting, the working group will build on work completed during their first five meetings with a focus on identifying options with the best potential resolve the issues of most concern to the group.

Steve Smutko from the Ruckelshaus Institute at the University of Wyoming will lead the group through a review of the options previously identified and prioritized by the working group. The goal of this exercise will be to pare down the expansive option list developed at earlier meetings to a refined set of options with the strongest support among the group and the highest benefit in terms of issue resolution and serving the interests of the group members. There will also be time set aside for inputs from members of the general public who may want to offer their views or concerns.

Additionally, the group will discuss and select a science panel which will be tasked to evaluate the proposed option(s) to determine technical feasibility and verify desired outcomes.

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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