

Administrator of the Land Quality Division Department of Environmental Quality 200 W. 17th Street Cheyenne, WY 82002



To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to respectfully object to the proposed Brooks Mining Operation. As a land/home owner in the Kleenburn area, my property has been suffering from water depletion (made remarkably worse by the implemnation of the Coal Bed Meathane Operation). It has progressed to the point that my well went nearly completely dry. The new proposed Brooks Mining Operation would most certainly contribute further to the depleting water supply and the lowering well water tables. This would likely make it necessary for me to drill a new well with no guarantee that I would find water.

Furthermore, the proposed mining activity would decrease my family's quality of life and the property value of my home (especially if the water tables decrease to the point that my home has no running water at all). The vehicle and railroad traffic would certainly increase as well, making my home and property worth less.

Finally, the dust and pollution would greatly affect my home and family due to mining activities such as blasting overburden and the coal mining activities involved.

Respectfully,

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