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Re: DEQ AQD Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing on Encana's request to construct and/or modify 32 new gas/condensate facilities

Dear Mr. Finley;

CURED (Citizens United for Responsible Energy Development) is a Sublette County citizens' advocacy group whose mission is to protect air quality, water quality, other elements of the environment and human health in and about the region of Sublette County. The CURED organization would like to express our sincere appreciation of DEQ AQD's active responsiveness to the air quality and ozone issues in Sublette County, culminating in the issuance of the Interim Policy presented at public meetings in Pinedale during July and October 2008.

However, CURED is not in favor of approval of the pending applications inasmuch as they do not follow our understanding of the Interim Policy, nor do they follow our understanding of information given at public presentations by your department. Specifically, presentations have asserted that the AQD concluded that increases in NO_x and/or VOC in Sublette County could no longer be justified and so an offset program was established, the purpose of which was to reduce both VOC and NO_x emissions. Now at the first public hearing for new pollution permits, your Department proposes an increase in NO_x of ~77 tpy.

CURED hereby requests that DEQ maintain its original goal of reducing both NO_x and VOCs. The health of Sublette County residents is of paramount importance. CURED recognizes advancements Industry has made in reducing emissions, and we encourage your office to continue to work with industry to further reduce all air pollutants.

NO_x pollution is of concern because NO_x is:

- A human health hazard in its own right. For example, NO_x has harmful effects on the respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous and digestive systems.

- An environmental pollutant associated with visibility impairment of Class I airsheds and other areas of our previously pristine County, and is also directly associated with the increasing acid rain, bulk deposition and lake eutrophication trends in our local mountain ecosystems.
- An ozone precursor.

Please do not approve the permits at issue until both VOC and NO_x off-sets are assured.

It is apparent that there are issues with implementation of the Interim Policy. This is not surprising for a new venture. We offer our assistance and would appreciate remaining involved in actively seeking and finding transparent, interagency solutions to achieving cleaner air for Sublette County.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn Worl
Chair
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