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Citizens United for Responsible Energy Development

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Dear Mr. Corra,

CURED has a number of concerns and requests which we would like to share with you and hope you will undertake to address.

1. Concerns and questions regarding the research design of the Air Toxics study were expressed in November 2008 to DEQ-AQ and the Study's scientific advisory committee, and a public forum was requested. No such forum occurred. CURED therefore hereby formally requests that a presentation / public forum be held to review and address questions relating to the Air Toxics study research design and also, since so much time has passed since the original request for this, to review and summarize on a very basic level the results and meaning of the Air Toxics study data gathered to date. Inasmuch as DEQ-AQ has provided administrative services for this study and served as the sole technical expertise, DEQ-AQ is the logical agency to provide this presentation. Given that the air toxics study is in response to unanticipated, unanalyzed, and undisclosed impacts of BLM undertakings, however, BLM participation is warranted.
2. Further related to the Air Toxics study underway, scientific peer review is lacking. CURED hereby requests that DEQ assure that an independent scientific review be conducted this fiscal year, using PAPO money if appropriate. We would appreciate a copy of the peer-review report(s) as soon as completed.
3. CURED hereby formally requests an informational AQ-planning-overview forum summarizing anticipated emissions within our airshed for the next 10 years, with focus on the various BLM-administered federal undertakings, past, in progress, and proposed. A basic understanding of pollution expectations and commitments made to date is desired, along with explanation of how the concomitant anticipated impacts relate to legal requirements on visibility impairment, WAAQS and so forth. Noting that the Pinedale RMP (p. 4-8) projects the situation as follows, "Alternative 4 emissions have been estimated for the base year (2001), 2011, and 2021. Under this alternative, the total NOx emissions from BLM activities would increase over time from the base-year level of 7,724 tons per year to 23,170 tons per year by 2021", we question how standards can be met. We suggest that BLM and DEQ jointly prepare and give this presentation.
4. The Upper Green River Valley, north of Cora, is an area that has not seen industrial development to date. The information gathered from air quality monitoring in this area would provide baseline data for ambient air measurements. CURED requests that BLM and DEQ jointly install a monitoring station to provide baseline data as soon as possible.

5. Landowners adjacent to the PAPA who rely on groundwater for their drinking water have expressed various concerns and asked for the names of at least 2 toxic chemicals that can be detected to indicate either contamination or assure the owners that there is no evidence of fracking fluids contaminating their drinking water. This request was made known to the PAWG. The response to the landowners association to look for increased salinity as an indicator of contamination is not sufficient. CURED hereby requests that BLM and DEQ jointly review chemical products used down-hole in the Pinedale Anticline, identify chemicals which would be suitable for monitoring, and provide a list of these chemicals to CURED and the New Fork Social Club by April 1, 2010.

In summary, thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response to the above requests.

Respectfully

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