

January 11, 2011

The Honorable Matt Mead
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Governor Mead,

Thank you for coming to Pavillion and seeing firsthand the impacts from oil and gas development our community is experiencing. Please extend our appreciation to Mrs. Mead and Mr. Rieman.

There has been considerable discussion among the Wyoming State Agencies, industry, and the press about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pavillion Groundwater Contamination Investigation and draft report, but until your visit we have not weighed in. Those of us who are directly impacted and living with the development and contamination felt it was important to have a direct discussion with you before we made our opinions public.

We're sure you recall the three questions which Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens (PACC) asked you after our initial introductions. Our organization feels your position on each will be extremely influential as the investigation moves forward and as we explained last Thursday, we believe you have an opportunity to protect Wyoming citizens and their health. We have listed the questions below and look forward to receiving your written response.

1. Are you nominating or recommending nomination of one or more people to the EPA Groundwater Investigation Draft Report peer review panel, and if so, who are your recommendations?
2. Can we depend on you to fully support the EPA CERCLA investigation and draft report findings?
3. Will you write a letter to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation asking them to support the EPA CERCLA investigation, draft report findings and support full funding of the EPA investigation as it moves forward?

Again, thank you for visiting our community and we look forward to the next meeting you have proposed which we understand will begin to address how clean safe water will be supplied to the Pavillion area.

Sincerely,

John Fenton, Chair, PACC

Evelyn Griffin, Secretary, PACC

Jeff Locker, Treasurer, PACC

Cc: Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA
James Martin, Region 8, EPA
United States Senator Mike Enzi
United States Senator John Barrasso
Congressman Cynthia Lummis