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November 7, 2003

Re: Environmental Assessment for the
Atlantic Rim Interim Drilling
Project, Brown Cow Pod

Dear Reader:

This is to inform you of the availability of the Brown Cow Pod Environmental Assessment (EA) at the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) website:

www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/nepa.htm

The Brown Cow Pod is an exploratory coalbed natural gas project associated with the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Project. The Brown Cow Pod is located in one of nine areas proposed for interim drilling to provide information for use in the preparation of the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In order to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, this EA was prepared to analyze impacts associated with the exploratory drilling of coal formations northeast of Baggs, Wyoming.

It is expected that this EA can be viewed at our website beginning November 7, 2003. This will begin the 30-day public review/comment period for the document. We will review all comments and will address substantive comments in the Decision Record. A substantive comment is one that would alter conclusions drawn from the analysis based on: 1) new information, 2) why or how the analysis is flawed, 3) evidence of flawed assumptions, 4) evidence of error in data presented, and 5) requests for clarification that bear on conclusions presented in the analysis.

Your comments should be as specific as possible. Comments on the alternatives presented and on the adequacy of the impact analysis will be accepted until December 8, 2003.

Comments may be submitted via regular mail to:

Travis Bargsten, Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins Field Office
P.O. Box 2407
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

The may also be submitted electronically at the address shown below (please refer to the Brown Cow Pod):

e-mail: rawlins_wymail@blm.gov

Please note that comments, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The EA may also be reviewed at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management
Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins Field Office
1300 N. Third Street
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

If you require additional information regarding this project, please contact Travis Bargsten, Project Manger, at the address shown above or phone (307) 328-4387.

Sincerely,



Field Manager

Enclosure