

349.150 Protection of rights in water resources -- Responsibility of operators to protect and preserve water supply.

- (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting, in any way, the right of any person to enforce or protect, under applicable law, his or her interest in water resources affected by a coalbed methane well or related operations.
- (2) The operator of a coalbed methane well shall replace the water supply of an owner of an interest in real property who obtains all or part of his or her supply of water for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from an underground or surface source where the supply has been affected by contamination, diminution, or interruption proximately resulting from the operation of a coalbed methane well.

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