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(Wyo.)- Groundwater Test Proposal Gets Good Reviews

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Gov. Matt Mead's proposal to require groundwater testing at oil and gas drilling sites is getting favorable reviews from environmental advocates, landowners and industry representatives.

Mead released a state energy policy on Monday that includes baseline groundwater testing before oil or gas drilling occurs.

Richard Garrett of the Wyoming Outdoor Council says any step to protect groundwater is welcome.

Paul Cook of the Cheyenne Area Landowners Coalition says groundwater testing is a top priority for property owners considering leasing land to energy developers.

And Bruce Hinchey of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming says baseline testing could help the industry make its case that its drilling techniques are safe.