



**Western Governor's Association  
“CBM Best Practices Handbook”**

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**Presentation to Multi-Stakeholder  
Advisory Committee**

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# Background

- Initiated by the Western Governors' Association in 2002
- Participants included industry, environmental groups and government
- Purpose is to share and encourage the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will promote the sound, efficient, and environmentally appropriate development of coal bed methane resources.
- The Handbook is a “living” document that can be updated and amended to reflect the results of monitoring implementation of BMPs as well as advances in technology that may lead to new BMPs.
- Differences among geologic basins create different challenges, and some or all of the BMPs documented herein may or may not be suitable for some locations.

# Coalbed Methane Best Management Practices – A Handbook

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