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To the members of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Division (DEQ):

It is hard to believe that you are considering providing Aethon a water discharge permit into Boysen Reservoir for the disposal of polluted water from the Moneta Divide oil and gas field. Dumping 8.27 million gallons per day of polluted water into the reservoir and into the Wind River is not tolerable. This will cause the Alkali and Badwater Creeks to be degraded even more. These creeks have already been adversely impacted due to discharges of produced water containing high concentrations of TDS, and oil field chemicals. It is not excusable to consider polluting these waterways due to lack of will to do the right thing. The water should be purified and piped to the reservoir at the cost of Aethon. That should be part of doing business in Wyoming. We need to protect our water and especially a Class 1 river, such as the Wind River. The DEQ's own rules prohibit the degradation of a Class 1 river.

Boysen Reservoir is one of the most popular state parks, its water quality should remain clean to protect swimming, municipal drinking water supplies, crop irrigation, boating and fishing.

What does the pollution of these waterways mean for communities that depend on the water from the Wind River and Boysen Reservoir? Will Aethon be funding the water purification equipment necessary to ensure clean water? How about the increased salts in the irrigation water which could ruin crops? Who will pay for the crop damage?

Please do not move forward with this permit, instead find a solution, which will protect our water quality and ensure the maintenance of the Wind River as a Class 1 river.

Thank you very much for taking my concerns into consideration.