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If the Energy companies are going to use fresh water in their processes they should be expected to return it to safe drinking levels BEFORE they release it. Or drink it themselves. THAT is the cost of doing business without exploiting Wyoming's resources. Our state budget is already overly dependant on these companies and they run the show. Who's there to stop them from leaving our state in a mess?

DEQ needs to require Aethon to clean up its existing discharge before allowing more pollution to enter our environment.

The DEQ hasn't established the scientific integrity of the model used by Aethon because it lacks the expertise and data to do so. Without this professional expertise in house, the agency must commission its own third-party review and make sure that the cost of that review is paid by the permit applicant, not Wyoming taxpayers.