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Regarding the Moneta Divide oil and gas field pollutant discharge permit - WYPDES Permit Number WY0002062 (Aethon Energy):

I urge you to reconsider the provisions of this permit which would allow Aethon to discharge oil and gas wastewater into surface waters that ultimately impact a valuable and currently pristine watershed. Missing in DEQ's analysis are such options such as:

1. Deep well disposal per current industry standards
2. On-site wastewater treatment to more stringent standards prior to discharge
3. Off-site treatment and disposal

This is an important precedent and merits your most careful and thorough deliberation.

Thank you,

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