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Aethon Energy's permit application to dump 8.27 million gallons of produced waste water into a creek which flows into Boysen Reservoir is absolutely the dumbest idea I have ever heard! Boysen, which has some of the best fishing and recreation use in all of Wyoming, discharges into the Wind River (itself a blue ribbon trout stream), which in turn becomes the Big Horn River. The Big Horn River is the source of drinking water for Thermopolis, and the source of irrigation water for much of the Big Horn Basin. Why would anyone in their right mind jeopardize this waterway? If Aethon wants to expand its Moneta Divide oil and gas field, it should be required to construct a treatment facility capable of treating all the produced waste water, long before disposing of it by, perhaps, injecting it deeply into the ground. DEQ needs to reject Aethon's discharge permit.