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I find it troubling that our baseline is drawn after 50 years of releasing pollutants into the tributaries of Boysen Reservoir. Are there comparable bodies of water that have not been exposed to constituent dumping that could be used to find a truer baseline? I believe this would be a good use of resources to determine more accurately what changes constituent dumping has wrought, and give us a healthier target for policies to preserve water quality.

I am concerned that our means of detecting/dealing with damages comes post damage done. Water is crucial to all of our lives. These are very high stakes. I would like to see studies/data analysis leading to best practices recommendations for disposal. These would look at methods that would yield positive or minimal negative environmental impacts, and also include economic considerations.