

## Jay Sanford

To whom it may concern:

We here in the community are very concerned about what is happening regarding the water quality that is being threatened by the proposed actions of Aethon dumping pollutants into the Boysen.

I find it alarming that there was no notice given to the communities down stream in giving them at least a chance to upgrade their treatment plants or prepare to find another source of drinking water. If this goes through as the company wishes, this will be a slow rolling environmental disaster that will destroy the entire Wind/Big horn River ecosystem resulting in the spoiling of agricultural land, crops, poisoning of livestock, wildlife and also severely impacting local economies.

I had never thought that living here that I would become an ecological refugee within my own state; that I would have something in common with those people fleeing in Sub-Saharan Africa running a foot race just to stay one step ahead of the sand storms and the locusts!

We all depend upon this river as if it were the Nile and what had happened in South Dakota with the pipe line has only given the energy industry a green light to consider only their own financial bottom line while ignoring any pretense of social responsibility or of potential consciences. This situation is going to be far worse - a Flint Michigan of an entire river system.

Thank you for your consideration.