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The proposed issue of allowing companies to dump literal tons of waste into our waterways is unexceptable. When looking at the risk associated with dumping hazardous chemicals into our waterways one must ask what is it worth. I grew up in Worland and around the area- we have enjoyed countless trips to the Wind River Basin and to Boysen reservoir, I am heart broken to think that my daughter may not remember these places as wonderfully as I, because of pollution that is being allowed by our government. It sickens me to think that this was given the go ahead.

Waterways have extremely fragile ecosystems and to think that adding tons of waste is going to do no harm, quite frankly is ludicrous. I am embarrassed that this has gone so far.

Here in Wyoming we enjoy two things- our wide open and "untouched" wildlife and the oil field. Hell I grew up as part of a oil field family and I won't lie, I had a very pleasant childhood because of the money. But I do not believe that we should hold the value of a dollar over the health and well being of individuals that rely on the water around the area. Worland has a rich agricultural back ground- they rely on the canals that are fed by the river to water their crops. Is there any information how this could affect the local farmers? How about in the long term? Aquafina water is bottled and maintained in Worland- that water comes from the aquifers around the area- are we 1000% sure that the pollutants will never seep into the aquifers? Just because these effects may not be immediately noticeable does not mean they are not important or devastating for the future.

I really urge you all to look really deep and decide if this is something we can continue to support. Our resources are limited. We need to do everything possible to protect our way of life. It is no longer acceptable to be reactive to environmental issues- we must take a PROACTIVE stance and say no to these things. Saying sorry and forcing companies to do "clean up" is the wrong way to address these issues.

Thank you for your time- I really hope we are able to continue working towards a cleaner and more efficient way of life with our government leading the way.