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Water Quality Division

Dear Jason Thomas,

I am writing you because I am very concerned and upset about the possible release by Aethon Energy of polluted water, in very large quantities, into Alkali and Bad Water creeks.

I have lived in this wonderful state for over 50 years and have enjoyed this wonderful ~~state~~ state and its waters for over sixty years. I always thought that our state had agencies, such as the D.E.Q., that protected our water and waterways. Now I hear that my assumption could be far wrong!

What I am referring to in particular is: Field Pollutant Discharge Permit - WYDES permit number WY0002062. I ask you to NOT issue this permit. I feel that Aethon Energy's polluted water should be cleaned and piped into Boysen Reservoir. There are too many users of the waterways and water to even consider such a release of such quantity and such polluted water.

The Wind River Canyon section of this waterway has long been classified as a "Class I River" by the Wyoming Environmental Council! Does not this very classification alone protect this waterway

From such a large discharge of polluted water as is requested by Aethon Energy?

Swimmers, floaters, boaters, consumers of water, wild life, fish — virtually all the near-infinite users of this special waterway would be negatively impacted.

At the very least — I beg you to do some further research into the impact that this type of pollution and the quantity of it could have on: Alkali Cr., Bad Water Cr., Boysen Reservoir, Wind & Big Horn Rivers, the town of Thermopolis, the fisheries, farming, birds, reptiles and amphibian populations that all depend on this water and waterway.

Thank you for accepting my comments and concerns. I pray you will consider my words and not issue a permit to Aethon Energy for this requested permit to pollute Wyoming's waters.

Sincerely,

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