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Last year I moved to Wyoming from Pennsylvania because the climate here is better for my wife's health. We are both chronically ill and I've been pleasantly surprised how much better I have also felt just from breathing Wyoming's clean air everyday. The natural beauty and the clean air and water in Wyoming are so precious and need to contiyo to be protected.

In Pennsylvania I have seen how fracking wastewater contamination negatively impacts drinking water, agriculture, and recreation. I don't want Wyoming to repeat those mistakes. Please refuse WYPDES Permit Number WY0002062 (Aethon Energy).

I urge you to consider the impact, study the consequences as your rules require, of surface dumping on communities, commerce, and nature downstream from the dumping. Wind river is a class I protected waterway - so protect it!

I understand something must be done with the fracking wastewater - please consider, per DEQ rules, alternatives to surface dumping. If surface dumping is the only solution, it should be treated and purified and piped directly into Boysen reservoir. Discharged of contaminated water have already negatively impacted Alkali and Badwater Creeks.

DEQ should prohibit Aethon from dumping its untreated and partially treated oil and gas field wastewater into Boysen Reservoir. Boysen is one of the most popular state parks in Wyoming - its water quality should remain clean to protect swimming, municipal drinking water supplies, crop irrigation, boating, and fishing.

DEQs draft permit does not consider the potential negative social and economic impacts from the increased discharge. DEQ must follow Chapter 1 and its anti-degradation policies by requiring this analysis.