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The WY DEQ website states that "The Water Quality Division works to keep Wyoming's water clean by monitoring and protecting surface and groundwater in the state". At the very least this is false advertising of the WY DEQ mission.

As a resident of Thermopolis I can tell you that the city drinking water may be potable, but it is not drinkable unless you use a reverse osmosis water filter. There is a billboard sign at the entrance of Thermopolis advertising the Bighorn River as a 'Blue ribbon fishery'. As I sit here writing this, I'm watching a hatch on the river with swallows and ducks feeding.

The idea that you can dump 8 million gallons of toxic waste in to Boysen Reservoir daily for the next ten years and not affect the downstream users is ludicrous. If this production water is so benign, why not have Aethon treat it? Because apparently their treatment facility is inadequate, and it would be too expensive to improve their facility. So instead, they turn to the DEQ and want to poison Boysen Reservoir and the downstream users.

Aethon may bring millions of dollars in revenue to the state and provide employment for some (how many??) state residents, but that is a drop in the bucket compared to the amount generated by tourism and recreation.

Wyoming is too beautiful to use as an industrial dumping ground. Please reject this permit and any others like it.