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I'm a lifelong Wyoming resident who enjoys recreating on our many nearly pristine waters. My grandson, Wes, frequently recreates with his dad on Boysen Reservoir. We are dismayed that pollutants are being allowed to flow into the reservoir that experts say could have a detrimental affect on the abundant aquatic life in the reservoir for years to come.

We are thankful for all of the good work that the DEQ does in protecting our natural resources. We are also supportive of our important minerals industries but we don't support allowing them to pollute our other resources.

Mineral development companies can adjust their operations so they don't pollute our waterways and other natural resources. Our waterways, on the other hand, cannot make adjustments to accommodate pollution without paying an unacceptable price.

Please require Aethon to clean up damage on Badwater and Alkali Creeks from oil field pollution that has existed for decades.

Please reduce the amount of salts discharges allowed per month in the Aethon permit.

Please require industry to reduce allowable chloride concentrations in Badwater Creek now, not in four years as is indicated in their permit. Tests show that chloride concentrations in Badwater Creek wastewater is already 100 times higher than the regulatory limits. Aquatic life is very sensitive to chloride.

Please add limit requirements in permits at discharge points for other harmful oil field chemicals including xylenes, ethylbenzene, benzene and tolulene. These are toxic to all life.

The public, Wes and I included, believe that the DEQ's responsibility is to protect our air and water, not to protect industry from not doing what they should to operate safely and thereby allowing industry to destroy our air and water quality.

There are ways for industry to pass on costs but to whom can dead or dying fish pass on the cost of life itself?

Please protect our air and water.

Thank you.