

# Justin Taylor

February 11, 2020

Jason Thomas, WYPDES Permitting Supervisor  
WDEQ – Water Quality  
200 West 17th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: WYPDES Permit No. WY0002062, Comments to Revised Draft Permit

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As citizens of Hot Springs County and Fremont County, Wyoming, we DO NOT support the revised second draft but rather we DO SUPPORT the initial draft proposal WYPDES permit WY0002062, allowing Aethon to expand its operation, hiring additional personnel, helping improve our economy, and positively impacting our family.

We own land with my parents along the Big Horn River and irrigate 50 acres of cropland with this water. We haul potable water from Thermopolis to replenish cisterns on our property. We fully understand the layers of protections that exist in the permitting of these discharges and acknowledge that unregulated pollutants far exceed any contribution that Aethon's regulated activities will ever contribute. WDEQ must not let ill-informed citizens stop the ability for businesses to contribute to our State's livelihood. Permitting these discharges is not at the expense of the environment. Our state simply cannot allow a fear driven agenda stifle ability to responsibly produce energy in this state.

I encourage the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to approve the initial draft of the Aethon (Moneta Divide) Proposed Discharge Permit and manage the discharge within acceptable limits for the benefit of my family and all Wyoming citizens.

Sincerely,

Justin Taylor