

Rick Gilpatrick

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As a life citizen of Fremont County, Wyoming, I do NOT support the revised second draft. I support the initial draft proposal WYPDES permit WY0002062, allowing Aethon to expand its operation, hiring additional personnel, helping improve our economy, and positively impacting my family. I have lived, hunted, water skied, fished, hiked and loved Wyoming my whole life. Years ago Wyoming developed Department of Environmental Quality for the ability to govern our industries, promote development of the State and the protection of its people and beauty. The reason being that it would help to delay or restrict Federal programs like the EPA and we in Wyoming would be in charge of our own destiny. This program was put into place so when the Federal agencies came into our State that we were already in compliance with our regulations that basically mirrored the Federal agency. The idea was to be able to stop the Federal agencies from accessing heavy fines for non-compliance. In other words we would take care of our own State. It was a way of self-regulating ourselves and not being influenced by out of state people telling us how to do our business. It has worked very well. Our State agencies were put into place to work with each other and to figure problems out together to make our State a viable successful economic State. A place where there would be both good jobs as well as enjoyment of a great outdoors. I sometimes feel that the government sector has forgotten these ideas and are restricting industries more and not trying to find the solutions needed to make businesses not only survive in Wyoming but thrive. The employees and businesses need more help to make sure we all survive. To change the rules after so many years of successful operation is not right. It's like changing a contract after the fact. Just not done. I believe that your actions are negatively affecting my lifestyle and the economic prosperity of Wyoming. I believe that the water currently being discharged in Boysen has not affected any of the activities we love in the State Park. 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,

Rick Gilpatrick