

Josephine Gilpatrick

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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 a long term resident of Fremont County, Wyoming, I do NOT support the revised second draft, but 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 my family.

I believe that the revised sound draft is unduly restrictive, dramatically impacts our local economy, and is not warranted. I am a huge proponent of protecting the environment but what has been proposed is unjust and unnecessary. As a resident that utilizes the area for hunting, waterskiing in Boysen Reservoir and the beauty of landscape, I do not see that what Aethon has done in the past as detrimental in the long run. There is some cleanup and a few updated procedures that do need to be implemented but that is up to the Aethon and the business to resolve. A government entity invoking such harsh restrictions does not resolve the issue but does adversely affect the local economy and local individuals.

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 myself and all Wyoming citizens. I also encourage the DEQ to place a higher value on the comments made by those of us who live, work and play in the immediately area

Sincerely,

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