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First, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude that Wyoming DEQ took public concerns seriously regarding protection of water quality discharged into Boysen Reservoir. If a viable oil & gas resource is available to industry, they should be responsible for maintaining protection of air and water quality, not petitioning the agencies to allow them to pollute.

Please deny any further requests from industry to allow chemical discharge to tributaries to Boysen Reservoir. Existing polluting discharges should be remedied if they are damaging downstream vegetation or aquatic life. Perhaps Alkalai and Badwater Creeks need to be added to the 303(d) impaired waters list.

I am glad that WyDEQ is not allowing an increase in water pollution by industry operators. It would be better still if existing oilfield discharges were required to come into compliance with a contemporary scientific assessment of what level of discharge can be safely absorbed by the environment.

I value Wyoming's clean air and water, our abundant wildlife, and our scenic vistas. I recreate on public land, and enjoy road trips across our beautiful State. We need to protect these values for future generations, by requiring industry to operate in the safest and least damaging way possible.

Sincerely, Linda Raynolds, Cody Wy