

## Ronn and Linda Smith

We applaud DEQ's reconsideration and decision not to allow Aethon to increase harmful discharges into Alkali and Badwater creeks. We ask, however, that DEQ require Aethon to clean up the existing damage caused by decades of oil field pollution. We also ask DEQ to immediately reduce the monthly load of salts allowed to be discharged in the permit.

We also ask DEQ to require industry to reduce the concentrations of chloride allowed in Badwater Creek now rather than in four years. Please also require limits in the permit for harmful oil field chemicals such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX) at the discharge points.

As we have commented before, these remote streams may not get much use by humans or livestock, but they empty into Boysen Reservoir and the Wind River, both of which comprise an important part of Wyoming's clean water resource.

Thank you for your consideration.