

# Neil Short

My comments:

Thanks to the DEQ for earlier revisions to the permit, but too much discharge of pollutants is still allowed. Please hold Aethon accountable for cleaning up the existing damage, and address salts and other pollutant discharges that are still a problem. Alkali and Badwater Creeks need listed as "impaired waters," and pollutants mitigated.

We count on the DEQ to do what is best for the public interest, not what is best for industry. We don't want industry polluting our water.

While it is true that Alkali and Badwater Creeks are naturally impaired, they are part of an ecosystem. Allowing millions of tons of oilfield waste to be discharged destroys the natural organisms in these waterways, and is then allowed into Boysen reservoir, a source of drinking and agriculture water for many downstream. To allow these pollutants is to disregard the health and safety of those who use the water or fish, or even recreate on the reservoir.

I urge you to do more to protect our water.

Thank you.

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