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Ms. Colleen Rathbone (8P-W-WW)
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RE: Comments on Wind River Reservation Pollution Discharge Permits

Dear Ms. Rathbone:

I am submitting these comments on the following proposed permits and their statements of basis:

- Eagle Oil and Gas Company - Sheldon Dome Facility; NPDES Permit No. WY-0020338;
- Phoenix Production Company - Sheldon Dome Field; NPDES Permit No. WY-002495;
- Phoenix Production Company - Rolff Lake Unit; NPDES Permit No. WY-0024945;
- WESCO Operating, Inc. - Sheldon Dome Field; NPDES Permit. No. WY-0025607; and
- WESCO Operating, Inc. - Tensleep #1 (also known as Winkleman Dome); NPDES Permit No. WY-0025232

I am deeply troubled by the proposed permits and what they will allow. It is clear that these permits are not in the best interest of the environment nor the people that the EPA is tasked to protect. The pollutants that would be allowed would have a devastating impact on the pristine land that it will run through, along with the wildlife and people in that area. As someone who recreates in the Wind Rivers, hearing about these permits is saddening.

According to the MSDS, the substances allowed in these permits are known toxins and carcinogens. Why are they being allowed to discharge freely into the environment? Has the impact of these permits been evaluated?

As a resident of Colorado, which also has a large natural gas industry, is this type of discharge being allowed here as well? Once this is allowed in Wyoming, it opens the door for discharging similar toxic pollutants elsewhere. The role of the EPA is to serve the environment, not industry. I urge that the proposed permits be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Hwa