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Sir,

The Land Application of Wastewater of the Town of Wheatland has certainly met all of the requirements that the State of Wyoming and the Wyoming DEQ have. All of the P's have been dotted and the Ts crossed, and everything has been checked and rechecked for accuracy. A public hearing was held for comment. The application received DEQ approval, a simple straight forward process. This is a win win for the Town and Shepard. Shepard gets the water and the Town gets rid of it.

What have not been taken into account are the negatives that everyone living nearby, downwind, downhill is been asked to shoulder.

1. The lands that are to be used for water disposal are also being used for animal waste disposal increasing the threat of excess nitrate.
2. Shepard Farms Inc. has a feedlot of equal or greater size located just across the road they too use land application of animal wastes.
3. Shepherd's residence and the Town are uphill and upwind of the project the odors or threat of nitrates in their water from this project are nil.
4. The signage required on the project boundaries is going to have a negative impact on the value of our investments.
5. There is an increased risk of high nitrates in our drinking water reoccurring.
6. In the summer evenings when we are outside enjoying the fruits of our labors we instead get to enjoy the odors of the Town's benefits.
7. The project was given approval before the revision of the nutrient management plan of Shepherd's was completed.
8. No deep soil samples were taken and analyzed or was the shallow ground water tested for nitrates before project approval. Is there a problem already? What are we looking at before we begin?

I see no positive impacts from this project on me; I only see negative now and in the future. I see nothing but endless interpretations of rules, enforcement, and confrontation.

There is nothing in life that is free; there is a cost associated with every thing we do. The Town of Wheatland has chosen the least expensive way of dealing with their wastewater and the neighbors are going to pay for the rest of it.



Joe Geringer