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Mr. Steven L. Pilcher  
Agricultural Wastewater Specialist  
Water Quality Bureau  
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences  
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Mr. Pilcher:

As requested we have reviewed the draft environmental impact statement relative to a wastewater discharge permit for Tenderloin Industries, Inc. of Sidney, Montana.

The review, conducted by our regional office, resulted in the attached memo which is enclosed for your information as part of our commentary.

We are particularly concerned with the wastewater discharge plan, and strongly recommend that an alternative be sought, particularly since the nutrients in question can be much better used on agricultural land than in Montana streams.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

James A. Posewitz, Administrator  
Environment and Information Division

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cc: Commissioner Hagenston  
Environmental Quality Council  
Dick Johnson

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## Office Memorandum

TO : Wes Woodgerd      Attn: Jim Posewitz      DATE: 3-28-75  
FROM : Dick Johnson      By: Mike Aderhold  
SUBJECT: IMPACT STATEMENT -- TENDERLOIN INDUSTRY, INC. (Sidney)

Bob Needham and I have reviewed the EIS on this issue and discussed the situation with the Sidney District Warden, Guy Shanks.

Bob has relatively little information on Lone Tree Creek. Most of it is private and closed to public fishing. We do know there are reproducing populations of brook trout and largemouth bass in the creek above Sidney. Below Sidney much of the creek has been channelized and is subject to irrigation return, waste water runoff from Sidney, and stream-bed loss. As far as we know, there is no game fishery between Sidney and the Yellowstone River.

Frankly, we are opposed to the idea of endorsing a waste discharge in any of our waters. In this case, not so much because of an effect on the local fishery but because it will further degrade what remains of Lone Tree Creek, it will inhibit possible upstream migration from the Yellowstone River, and it will unnecessarily add to the nutrient load of the Yellowstone and downstream.

We should add, though, that if the feed lot is to remain, a short-term waste discharge permit (under the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination Rule) would be an improvement of the current situation.

The public hearing on this issue has been postponed from March 26 until April 23, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Sidney, Montana.



MICHAEL W. ADERHOLD  
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

MWA/drn

cc: Guy Shanks, Sidney District Warden