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(Wyo.)-State Reports Pollution In Belle Fourche River



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CASPER, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - A new report by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality shows that the Belle Fourche River and two creeks that flow into it have levels of some pollutants that exceed state standards.

The report states the river and creeks in northeastern Wyoming have E. coli, ammonia and chloride levels that exceed water quality standards. The report concluded the most likely source of ammonia in the Belle Fourche is the Moorcroft wastewater lagoon.

Department officials say the report could help the state and local conservation districts secure federal funds to fix the pollution.