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## State agency has questions, concerns about reservoirs project

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Questions about water quality and water temperatures highlight the Colorado Water Quality Control Division's response to the proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project, a letter released Monday indicates.

The Save the Poudre coalition, which opposes the controversial water storage project, released the letter from the division to the Army Corps of Engineers. The letter was dated Sept. 12 -- one day before the deadline to submit comments to the Army Corps concerning the project.

Among the issues raised, the division points out that the draft environmental impact statement does not account for upcoming water temperature standards, the letter said, which could be important as low water flow could raise water temperatures and harm fish populations. It also gives "inadequate" mention of possible selenium dissolution within the Galeton Reservoir and asks for more information on E. Coli impairment in relation to the possible reduced water flow.

A release by the Save the Poudre Coalition termed the eight-page letter a "stinging rebuke," though an after-hours call to the coalition was not answered.

Carl Brouwer, the Northern Integrated Supply Project manager, dispelled many of the concerns, though, and said the division's response is similar to the concerns submitted by the city of Fort Collins and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The project is a more than \$420 million project to build two reservoirs -- the 170,000 acre-feet Glade and 40,000 acre-feet Galeton -- to supply 40,000 acre-feet of water to 15 municipalities and water districts across northern Colorado.

"We don't know how independent (the agencies' questions) are, but what we do know is certainly three of them raised that and they certainly then need to be addressed," said Brouwer in a telephone interview.

"We've been at it now for four and a half years, and it may take another half a year yet to get this all wrapped up, but that's OK," Brouwer said.

### More online

To learn more about the Northern Integrated Supply Project:

- » Go to the Northern Colorado Water Conservatory District at [www.gladereservoir.org](http://www.gladereservoir.org).
- » Or go to the project's opposition Web site at [www.savethepoudre.org](http://www.savethepoudre.org).

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