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Dear Jamie Miller and Dustin McNeil,

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners strongly values the protection of our county's rivers and streams. Recently, we learned of failures by on-site operators to report spillages to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as outlined the Site Emergency Response and National Contingency Plan. We support adherence to and enforcement of such protocols in order to protect the health of the environment and our residents.

As you are aware, two pipeline spill incidents occurred in late September and early October near the Rex Flats area and Bolts Lake area, respectively. While neither led to any contaminants entering the Eagle River, operators neglected to follow appropriate protocols for reporting. We support meaningful enforcement by CDPHE and the EPA in order to set clear expectations for those on the ground. Community members have vocalized that this oversight erodes trust in those responsible for protecting our water quality. We echo these sentiments and ask that CDPHE and EPA work to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eagle County Board of Commissioners

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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