

# Wyo cites Cheyenne refinery for water violation

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CHEYENNE -- A Cheyenne refinery has been cited for discharging untreated water into a creek.

The state Department of Environmental Quality says Frontier Refining committed two violations by discharging storm and production water into Crow Creek in August 2008 when heavy rainstorms caused refinery storage ponds to overflow.

State inspector and compliance supervisor Brian Lovett says that because of the storm, there was a large amount of water in the creek and thus probably diluted any discharge.

It is the latest in a string of violations leveled against the refinery in the past several years, all dealing with water, neighboring properties and Crow Creek.

Stu Fischbeck of Frontier Refining said the refinery is working on improving how it handles water by building a new wastewater treatment plant and reconstructing water storage ponds.