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Danish Flats Environmental completed their first pond in Phase II on March 12, 2009, almost a week before Grand County approved the new Evaporation Pond Ordinance on March 17, 2009.

Clint Dworshak, compliance and public outreach manager for Utah's Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOG), received the final engineering report from Danish Flats for Pond No. 9 on March 11, 2009, and approved the pond a day later.

UDOG approved the construction of the ponds several months ago, but UDOG clearly stated in their approval that the state's approval does not supersede any local requirements from Grand County.

Danish Flats is no different from the Harley Dome Waste Water Plant, the Hydrocarbon Heaven Cisco Development, and the state School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). All four have ignored Grand County's land use code, and show no concern for the health and welfare for Grand County residents.

They seem to feel that they are above the law in Grand County.

Grand County does not have an enforcement department for violations of the land use code and does not have a policy of zero-tolerance for those who deliberately violate the code. Grand County needs to rescind their approval of pond construction in Danish Flats.

Hydrocarbon Heaven in Cisco should not receive approval for their zone change. SITLA should not be allowed to complete construction of their natural gas plant next to I-70 without county oversight.

—William E. Love

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