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The DEQ data show that at the current output, significant damage has already occurred to the Badwater and alkali Creeks

I would recommend the following:

- Work with Aethon to clean up the existing damage caused by decades of oil field pollution in these streams;
- Immediately reduce the monthly load of salts currently authorized in both the existing and proposed discharge permit;
- Implement a one or two-year compliance schedule to achieve significant reductions in the concentration of chloride allowed in Badwater Creek. The DEQ's proposal to allow Aethon four more years to achieve full compliance with chloride standards is just too long;
- Deny any future requests to weaken the regulatory chloride standard currently applicable to Badwater Creek.