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The DEQ is making it clear that their intent is to shut down the usage of water and therefore operations in general for Aethon. The DEQ amended proposal to Aethon's permit will make doing business an untenable venture due to exorbitant cost increases. If this happens, Aethon will close down its project in Frenchie draw and as a result, multiple communities will be dealt a devastating blow to their local economies. We rely heavily on energy taxes to support our community's school districts, and some healthcare facilities, not to mention basic infrastructure. These amendments will result in untold job losses throughout the region, from direct oilfield related positions and cascading downward affecting everything from education and healthcare professionals all the way to private business and minimum wage employees.

The thing that worries me most of all is that these strict regulatory demands will eventually be placed on every water permit around our state, having the same devastating effects. The oil industry is already complying with some of the strictest, most closely monitored prescription among producers. Please stop over regulating the industry that sustains our entire state. Please reconsider Aethon's permit as originally written in its entirety. Save our communities. Save the careers of the people, fathers brothers, sons, who work in the industry and those who will be affected by these bureaucratic encroachments to life liberty and our pursuit of happiness. Thank you for your consideration.

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