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First off, I would like to thank the DEQ for listening to residents' concerns and improving the draft permit. But, I would further ask you to develop stronger limits on pollutants and to make sure Aethon cleans up existing damage and isn't allowed to continue to harm our streams, lakes, and rivers. I also would like to specifically ask to:

Require Aethon to clean up existing damage to Badwater and Alkali creeks that has resulted from decades of dumping of toxic waste water.

Immediately reduce the amount of dissolved salts that can be discharged.

Reduce allowed chloride concentrations in Badwater Creek immediately (instead of waiting four more years, as the new draft permit proposes).

Add limits and required testing for other volatile and dangerous oil and gas drilling waste products including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene.

Implement strong and prompt enforcement actions when violations occur. Thank you for your time and consideration.