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To whom it may concern:

Before a permit for more discharge water can be considered, please ensure that Aethon cleans up the existing damage caused by decades of oil field pollution in the Badwater and Alkali Creeks. Please also ensure that Athon immediately reduces the monthly load of salts allowed to be discharge in the permit.

Please protect our waters by ensuring limits on the amount of harmful oil field chemicals such as toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and benzene that are released at discharge points.

Do not allow industry four years to continue to discharge water that violates water quality standards and come into compliance with water quality standards. This should be achieved as soon as possible. Industry must reduce the concentrations of chloride allowed in Badwater Creek today, in order to start to repair the damage. The concentration of chloride being allowed into Badwater Creek is currently 100 times the regulatory limit for chloride. This is not acceptable.

In order to clean up Alkali and Badwater Creeks as soon as possible, please put these creeks on the 303(d) impaired waters list.

As the Department of Environmental Quality please protect these water sources and deny any future requests by industry to weaken the regulatory chloride concentration and allow more pollution into Badwater Creek.