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More restrictions to the revised permit are needed to protect water quality and aquatic life. The revised permit must include more stringent pollution limits on the existing discharges to ensure that our cherished surface waters are protected for future generations. By allowing the same quantity of salts, as well as other harmful pollutants, to be discharged, the revised draft permit does not adequately protect water quality and the multiple uses, including wildlife, recreation, and agriculture that depend on clean water. DEQ needs to do more to protect our lakes and streams from polluted oil and gas field wastewater. Require Aethon to clean up the existing damage caused by decades of oil field pollution in Alkali and Badwater Creeks. Limit in the permit for harmful oil field chemicals such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene at the discharge point.