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In response to the Aethon Proposed Discharge Permit, I am uncertain why the new purity requirements mandate that no more than 20 parts per billion in total sulfide contamination appear down stream from Badwater Creek. I've learned this is impractical and unprecedented without a viable way to detect fractions of contamination to be that precise. I have heard Aethon is willing to take measures to be complainant, but parameters to operate under DEQ standards are unreal and without co-operation from the DEQ.

I do agree in protection of downsrteam waters, but if the DEQ is setting unrealistic parameters I feel you are looking for an easy way out to make less work for the DEQ to not have realistic standards.

I ask you sit down with the community and the corporations to set realistic operational standards. The fact that the DEQ revision acknowledges the new conditions are more stringent than in the past. I am deeply troubled that it is in fact more stringent than those for similar EPA-permitted facilities covered on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Why is this not be treated equally?

It amazes me the DEQ will stall a project as small as a septic system to a natural gas field. I believe the DEQ needs to look at the The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality that sought out a "qualified external consultant" to conduct an environmental study. One that does not stall a project and hold hands with the Sierra Club or the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

I hope you will consider your unrealistic purity requirements and realize we need to work together not against. Compromise is a good thing. Make your parents proud!

Sincerely, Jamey Kirkland