

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Britt Curtis <brittany.curtis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 9:28 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Britt Curtis

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From: Armando Garcia <arg2298@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 9:24 PM
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Armando Garcia

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Sincerely,
Kimberly Estrada

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Christine Garcia <phpuffers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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All people in the US should be confident that their water is NOT contaminated and that a comprehensive scientific investigation has been conducted without pressure from the mining companies who should have zero input in the matter. Please put the people of Nevada and the environment before all else.

Sincerely,
Christine Garcia

Sheryl Fontaine

From: JSK Anderson <jskanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Comment on The proposed mine at Thacker Pass, or Peehee Mu'huh

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Please forward to: Chairman Tom Porta, Vice Chairman Jason King,
Commissioner Jocelyn Torres, Commissioner Mark Turner, Commissioner Mike Visher

I am using the comments written by PLAN because I agree with them.

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Judith S. Anderson, REPA #903864

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Patrick Donnelly <PDonnelly@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Cc: john@gbw.org; Scott Lake
Subject: letter regarding Thacker Pass WPCP appeal
Attachments: CBD letter on Thacker WPCP appeal.pdf

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Hello,

Attached you will find a letter from the Center for Biological Diversity regarding the Thacker Pass water pollution control permit appeal. Please forward this letter to Chairman Jon Porta and the rest of the Commission.

Thank you,
-Patrick Donnelly

Patrick Donnelly
Great Basin Director
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June 27, 2022

State Environmental Commission
Jon Porta, Chairman
901 South Stewart St., Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Mr. Porta:

I'm writing to request that you remand the water pollution control permit for Thacker Pass Mine back to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), in light of significant new information that has been presented by the appellants Great Basin Resource Watch (GBRW).

We have reviewed the materials associated with the permit and the appeal. In particular, the report commissioned by GBRW by Dr. Steve Emerman appears to provide substantial new analysis and information which significantly affects the legitimacy of the claims made by Lithium Nevada in their permit application, and the conclusions reached by NDEP in their approval. In particular, it seems clear based on information provided by Dr. Emerman that Lithium Nevada is unlikely to meet the terms and conditions of their permit.

We will not debate the procedural questions that led the State Environmental Commission (SEC) to strike the Emerman report from the record. However, regardless of process, the report presents substantial new and significant information which the SEC would be remiss if it did not acknowledge. And since the information presented therein calls into significant question the ability of Lithium Nevada to meet the conditions of its permit, NDEP must re-evaluate the permit using the newly provided information.

Therefore we are requesting that you remand the permit back to NDEP for evaluation given the new information presented.

Patrick Donnelly
Great Basin Director
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Las Vegas, NV 89113
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Sheryl Fontaine

From: Jane Grossman <janeg@asustainableway.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:41 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Please withdraw the Water Pollution Control Permit for the Thacker Pass Project - more investigation is needed

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Dear Executive Secretary of the Nevada State Environmental Commission.

Please forward this letter to:

Commissioners Chairman Tom Porta,
Vice Chairman Jason King,
Commissioner Jocelyn Torres,
Commissioner Mark Turner,
Commissioner Mike Visher

Dear Commissioners,

I want an electric car as badly as the next environmentalist who wants to go “green.” I want our state to thrive with appropriate mining. HOWEVER, I also care deeply about my Indigenous friends and neighbors who live near Thacker Pass. It appears that there is not consensus regarding the impact of the tailings from the proposed Lithium Mine and the pollution could be much more damaging than what the reports say.

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Thank you,
Jane Grossman
1665 Green Ash Road
Reno, NV 89511
775-849-9755

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Molly McGregor <mmcgreg32@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:42 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sincerely,
Molly McGregor

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From: Ryley Svendsen <ryleysvendsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:52 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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From: Jonpaul Herrera <jpabloherrera14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:40 PM
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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:30 PM
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Amanda Watts

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:12 PM
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Mary Thompson

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Kimberly Rhodemyre

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 2:58 PM
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Sincerely,
Jane Grossman

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Ben Felix-Martin <benz0matic@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 7:20 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Ben Felix-Martin

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Patricia Baley <patti.baley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:32 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sincerely,
Patricia Baley

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Audry Townsell <audrymt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:02 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Audry Townsell

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Linda Clements <clementsll@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Dear [Title],

For four hundred years European Americans have taken and used the lands of Indigenous Peoples without consideration of the livelihoods, rich culture, and human rights of those that were here long before Europeans. My ancestors, who arrived at Jamestown in the early 17th century, were among those who eventually seized Indigenous lands, even after those Peoples had helped them survive.

I do not want to see this "tradition" continued. I work in high tech; I understand the importance of Thacker Pass' lithium. But I can't accept that this is more important than the People of Red Mountain.

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Linda Clements

Sheryl Fontaine

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Claire La Presle

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Chasity Martinez <shastam123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:00 PM
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Chasity Martinez

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Macheal LaPorta <Mlp6766@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:49 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Macheal LaPorta

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Angela Dennis <angie@duck.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:33 PM
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Sincerely,
Angela Dennis

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Judith S Anderson <jskanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Judith S Anderson

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Adam Berger <bergeam@nv.ccsd.net>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Adam Berger

Sheryl Fontaine

From: SHANZEH ASLAM <shanzeh.aslam815@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sheryl Fontaine

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Jake Maynard

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Nicole Guss

Sheryl Fontaine

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Sincerely,
EVA LOVE

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Aimee Holdredge <adhldrdge@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sincerely,
Aimee Holdredge

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Linda Doro <422doro@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sincerely,
Linda Doro

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Diana Cecilia Hayes <dchvegashomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Diana Cecilia Hayes

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Christy Tews <christytews@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Christy Tews

Sheryl Fontaine

From: g clemson <clemzone11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Dear [Title],

The currently popularized heavy metal battery tech can be said to be "better" than fracking and fission nuclear power and "typical" oil extraction that has been so myopically and blithely allowed in too many locations for too long by means of the vast \$ of these industries to BUY politicians and legislation and loopholes and appointees and rules and bogus misleading studies. However, new proprietary heavy metal battery tech is NOT the best solution to solve our energy needs with its environmental destruction by yet another take-the-\$-and-run industry. Your decisions matter and can encourage NEW HABITS that produce clean energy, such as ROOFTOP vertical tube wind power which usurps NO more wild spaces and kills virtually NO fauna, + ROOFTOP SOLAR which can be combined with relatively non-toxic and inexpensive flow batteries in homes and commercial spaces whether grid connected or not.

Work for people & planet, not profit mongers.

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Withdraw the permit and remand it to the agency, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, to obtain the necessary data and analyses & ensure protection of our water

Sincerely,
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Sheryl Fontaine

From: Angel Lazcano <angelglazcano15@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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From: Minnie Wood <minniewoodnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Minnie Wood

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Sarah Wochele <sarwochele@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:37 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sarah Wochele

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Ursula Sindlinger <ursula.s@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 9:11 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sheryl Fontaine

From: Minnie Wood <minniewoodnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Public comment - Protecting Nevada's Water from Toxic Waste

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Please forward my letter to all the commissioners.

My name is Minnie Wood and I reside in North Las Vegas, NV. I am writing today because I am very concerned that the Water Pollution Control Permit was issued to the Thacker Pass project without sufficient evaluation and understanding of the consequences of the mine to protect Nevada's precious water, and the local communities.

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From: CJ Callao <cjcallao@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:42 PM
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Subject: Public Comment

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To whom it may concern,

The State Environmental Commissions refusal to consider expert independent analysis and restrict the hearing by not allowing any witnesses is another fine example of a corrupt system designed on corporate greed at the expense of Indigenous communities. It is your responsibility to do the right thing. Restricting the hearing and throwing out independent analysis is not doing the right thing.

Please reconsider this decision. Please help the Paiute -Shoshone people protect their sacred land at Thacker Pass.

*Thank you,
Day Hinkey
People of Red Mountain
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Member*

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Sheryl

Sent from my phone. Please excuse any typos.

From: Sarah Wochele <sarwochele@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:37:28 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine <fontaine@ndep.nv.gov>
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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From: Carolina Chacon <carolinaachacon@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Carolina Chacon

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Bob Fulkerson <nevadabobf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 5:57 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Bob Fulkerson

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Bea Ochoa <beaochoa92@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:15 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Bea Ochoa

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Ian Bigley <ianbigley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:49 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Ian Bigley

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Angel Lazcano <angelitogl13@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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Sincerely,
Angel Lazcano

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Justin McAfee <justinmcafee@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:04 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Justin McAfee

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From: Tom Provenzano <thompr@live.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:28 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Tailings issue, Thacker Pass

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**Please forward this letter to Commissioners Chairman -Jon Porta, Vice Chairman-Jason King, Commissioners- Jocelyn Torres, Mark Turner, and Mike Visser
Thankyou.**

Dear Commissioners,

Let me start by introducing myself, and those I represent. My name is Thomas Provenzano, I am a board member-at large, and field trip coordinator for The Mount Hood Rock Club (MHRC) based here in Portland, OR. We are the largest rock club in the northwest, sanctioned under The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, The Northwest Gem and Mineralogical Society. We work directly with the BLM in reclamation projects as they pertain to rock hunting locations throughout Oregon. Our club members are a cohesive contingent held together by a strong code of ethics, not only in how we treat one another, but especially the pride we take in being good stewards of the land, including the areas around McDermitt, NV. where the club has been rock hunting for over 30 years.

Our rock club is extremely concerned that the water pollution control permit was issued to the Lithium Nevada mining project at Thacker Pass. We understand that, without critical sufficient evaluation to understand the impact that this mining project would have Nevada's precious water, leaves little to no protection for this limited resource.

The technical reports that were done regarding *seepage*, appear quite ambiguous, if not completely inconclusive. This is a red flag. This issue should have been resolved, of course, with total reliability, before any permits were issued????? We understand that that appeal filed by Great Basin Research Watch (GBRW) indicates that the mining plan is ill-equipped to adequately handle *seepage* from the tailings.

It appears that Lithium Nevada lacks sufficient data to validate using a new type of "tailings facility. Apparently, there is little research how such a facility would perform, and because of this fact, it further jeopardizes any protections to ground water. Why was there not an independent analysis performed this facility, again before permits were issued???? Does this not paint an extremely precarious picture, that precious groundwater will end up contaminated? It is beyond comprehension, no, its mind boggling that permits have already been issued. How is this type of thinking, valid???

We now understand that the Commission is not allowing witnesses at the hearing, undoubtedly , erasing the element of " independent assessment and expert knowledge" in dealing with what could end up being an irreversible ecological disaster for an extremely fragile ecology. Something smells terribly bad here. Where is

the public process here? Why are the experts, the community, the ranchers, the farmers, the locals, and the tribes being left out of this decision-making process???? WHY???

We call on, and urge the Nevada Environmental Commission to have the permit withdrawn and remanded to the agency, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection who should then go through the process of obtaining pertinent data and analysis that ensures protection of all surface and groundwater resources. As well, open this debate to the people most likely to pay the biggest price should their livelihoods be put in jeopardy by the mining project, the Paiute/Shoshone nation, the ranchers, the farmers, and the locals, et al.

Lastly, it's evident that this project could, and more likely than not, have extreme negative effects in this area, on multiple levels, including groundwater, endangered species, sacred indigenous sites, local flora and fauna, farmers, and ranchers, and disruption to indigenous cultures. This project, putting it lightly, is ill-conceived, and should not be allowed to move forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

C. T. Provenzano
MHRC

cc: Deb Haaland, Secretary of the US Dept. of Interior.

Sheryl Fontaine

From: edwardab@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass hearing
Attachments: Thacker Pass Letter.pdf

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Ms. Fontaine,

We neighbor the proposed Thacker Pass lithium mine, and we are extremely concerned about the impacts, inaccurate data, and insufficient review by NDEP. Please find my attached public comments for the hearing tomorrow, requesting the proposed permit be remanded to NDEP for further review.

Please forward my attached letter to the commissioners Chairman Jon Porta, Vice Chairman Jason King, Commissioner Jocelyn Torres, Commissioner Mark Turner, Commissioner Mike Visher.

thank you,

Edward Bartell
541 591 0978

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Minnie Wood <minniewoodnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Sarah Wochele

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Ursula Sindlinger

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Minnie Wood <minniewoodnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Public comment - Protecting Nevada's Water from Toxic Waste

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Please forward my letter to all the commissioners.

My name is Minnie Wood and I reside in North Las Vegas, NV. I am writing today because I am very concerned that the Water Pollution Control Permit was issued to the Thacker Pass project without sufficient evaluation and understanding of the consequences of the mine to protect Nevada's precious water, and the local communities.

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Sincerely,
Minnie Wood

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Catherine <cb@hevanet.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 7:56 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass

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Sincerely,

Catherine Brunner

Catherine Brunner
cb@hevanet.com
Tel: +1 (831) 313-7557

Sheryl Fontaine

From: EB New <eb@hevanet.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:29 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass

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Hello,

I second my wife's comments below. In addition, even though I understand that Lithium is needed for battery production, the amount of water that needs to be used for extraction in an already water stressed environment, and very importantly - native rights should supersede state and private property rights - I urge you to please decline the water pollution control permit at Thacker Pass.

Sincerely,

Eberhard Brunner
452 Fellowship Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

From: Catherine <cb@hevanet.com>
Date: June 27, 2022 at 4:55:45 PM GMT+2
To: sfontaine@ndep.nv.gov
Subject: Thacker Pass

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From: Mary Thompson <maryt7171@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:08 PM
To: ndepthackerpass@ndepnv.gov; Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass

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To whom it may concern .

Please no more permits to lithium Nevada mining in Thacker Pass Nevada. The amount of water used a day is mine boggling and we need it .

It is time we do the right thing and protect Thacker Pass from Lithium Nevada mining co. Reports came out in 2021 and they are not an ethical company and should be held accountable not rewarded.

Plus they have lied they don't own 100 percent . China has given them a 40 million dollar + I (non-bearing loan) . And please look up Argentine and chili for they are now in serious serious drought and mining lithium had a lot to do with it I

Thank you Mary Thompson

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Sent from Gmail Mobile Mary

Sheryl Fontaine

From: hannes@hevanet.com
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 1:32 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass Water Pollution Control Permit

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Dear Ms. Fontaine, please also forward to this letter to the following parties:

Chairman Jon Porta
Vice Chairman Jason King
Commissioner Jocelyn Torres
Commissioner Mark Turner
Commissioner Mike Visher
State Environmental Commission
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your continued service for the State of Nevada on the Environmental Commission. I am very concerned that the Water Pollution Control Permit was issued to the Thacker Pass project without sufficient evaluation and understanding of the consequences of the mine to protect Nevada's precious water.

It is my understanding that there are two technical reports provided to the agency on the tailings facility with conflicting results. One apparently concludes that there will not be seepage from the tailings for 1,000 years and when there is seepage is its very very small, about 0.02 gallons per minute, but the other indicates significant seepage during mine operations and afterwards to about 74 gallons per minute. Which is correct? The agency should have resolved this before issuing the permit.

The appeal filed by Great Basin Resource Watch indicates that there is considerable uncertainty on aspects of the tailings facility. It is even suggested that the mine plan may not be equipped to handle excessive seepage from the tailings, which may be why the final permit does call for additional studies, but then why issue a permit when more analysis is needed? And, will there be any public process around these additional studies?

It seems that this particular tailings facility will be the first of its kind constructed, so there does not seem to be much operating facility knowledge out there, which underscores the need to resolve technical conflicts. Does the mining company or the agency really know how this first of its kind tailing facility will perform? Perhaps the agency should have sought out an independent analysis if it does not have the ability to assess the analysis in house.

I understand the Great Basin Resource Watch has these very concerns and did hire someone with specific expert understanding of tailings facilities, but the agency declined to discuss the facility with the organization and its consultant. Why not? That would seem to have been a good offer. I have also learned that the Commission is not allowing witnesses at the hearing, so the independent assessment and expert knowledge is being withheld. This seems wrong for a public process, since the only technical information is coming from one source. Whereas, good science depends on multiple sources.

Apparently, the tailings will be acidic and any drainage from the tailings is expected to be very toxic. It would seem important to neutralize the tailings before disposal. I am aware that there will be a

heavy plastic liner, but I doubt those will last as long as the tailings will be toxic. The agency should have required an analysis of how to neutralize and construct the tailings facility with neutralized tailings. This seems an obvious precautionary measure.

In view of the additional studies needed I wonder why the agency issued the permit when it did? It would seem that Lithium Nevada certainly benefits by having the permit issued and can tell investors that it has the permits needed. But, what about the public? What benefit was gained by the public, especially protection of Nevada's water, by issuing the permit before all the analyses are in.

I urge Nevada State Environmental Commission to have the permit be withdrawn and remanded to the agency, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, to obtain the necessary data and analyses to ensure protection of the waters of the State.

Sincerely, Hannes Brunner

Sheryl Fontaine

From: James Hendrickson <word2jim@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Thacker Pass water quality concern

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From: Macheal LaPorta <mlp6766@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
Subject: Prioritize local communities and Nevada's water!

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Macheal LaPorta

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Mary Thompson's

Sheryl Fontaine

From: Beth Atkinson <betha52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Sheryl Fontaine
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