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Proposed water law for trinidad

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Lori,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over the CDPHE's newly drafted permits for water discharge in the Trinidad area.

I am a longtime resident of Trinidad and I have been working in the oil and gas industry for 10 years. I have seen firsthand how this water has benefited landowners, ranchers and wildlife in the area. I have also seen how the energy industry has benefited the community. The industry has provided countless jobs and tax dollars to the area. **This community has benefited from oil and gas for many years and if there was an impact to our ability to operate and provide our water discharge program, the local economy would suffer.**

XTO Energy has voluntarily instituted a system of water quality monitoring stations and water sampling sites throughout their operating area to ensure that the quality of this water meets the state's standards for surface discharge. This data should be considered when making any permit limit or decision of policy which will reduce the supply of water in our region. That water quality monitoring information is made available on a website that is publicly accessible. Those data illustrate that the water being discharged has not impacted the suitability of the Purgatoire River for protected uses.

I respectfully you reconsider the terms of the recently issued draft surface discharge permits and work with the companies to identify more site-specific permit limits that would also support a continuation of this very important program water supply program.

Thank you for your time,

Jerry Aguirre