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## To Whom it may concern,

I am asking for a full environmental study of the Salton Sea Lithium project and would like to know to whom is doing the study? Are they an independent third party?

Keep me apprised of any implications that may be perpetuated upon any living beings which includes wild-life, humans, soil, air pollution, fowl, water recycling and possible contaminates. There has not been a definitive release of information about the use of water, where will the water come from for this project and how much will be diverted? According to other reports, approximately 500,000/1 gallons per metric of lithium, thus reducing any availability of our fresh water.

What will become of the toxic tailings and contaminants? And to my understanding (C.A.R.B stated) the only air sensors that can be utilized takes two weeks of testing to compile. Which means that there is a high probability that toxins would be contaminating the air for two weeks or more until notice is given. As this is not a closed system, this is imperative to disclose to the public the dangers of exposure. The probability of being contaminated must be disclosed. Is there a remedy to ensure that this project can be made safe and include all safety measures that are conceivable to man? As it stands, this is not sufficient time to review and share findings with the public at large so that an informed decision can be made.

Please share with the public all possible implications and allow us to decide and vote upon the decision in November.

I am asking for a quicker way to test any and all water, soil, air exposure to toxics. I am incredibly concerned for tribes in the area and any tribal peoples that live near and will be working on this project. There must also be concessions beforehand and possible relocation of the immediate tribes in the effected area. Please keep me in the loop so that I may share with others.

Concerned, Stephanie Saavedra