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Comments: In general I am opposed to any advancement of the LONG VALLEY EXPLORATORY DRILLING PROJECT. Below are my specific objections and concerns.

- 1) It is my understanding that the applicant has chosen to avoid proper environmental assessments. There are multiple concerns from seismic to flora and fauna issues that should be considered with a thorough EIS.
- 2) The hot springs and geothermal activity in the area is not fully understood to the point that random drilling should be allowed to occur. How will drilling impact springs and seeps, groundwater movement and surface flows? Could the drilling alter current water movements?
- 3) Regarding water used in the drilling operation, how and where will it be sourced and how are they disposing it?
- 4) What plans are in place regarding recovery of the natural resources taken by the project? Restoration success measures need to be established along with financial assurance dependent on meeting those measures.
- 5) All potential impacts of the project should be listed with recovery costs estimated utilizing market rates. A financial assurance needs to be made public prior to issuance of any permits.
- 6) How will the public be impacted by the project? And will impacts be compensated?