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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am concerned about what I believe is inadequate study, protection, and monitoring of ground water resources in the area of the proposed Cadiz Project. While I believe underground storage of water supplies is preferable to surface reservoirs, great care must be taken to assure that existing ground water supplies in this arid desert land is not impacted in any way and that ground water supplies to native plant communities in this desert region are not reduced. The east Mohave desert region is an important desert resource and its limited water supplies should not be withdrawn to support this project. Further study of potential project impacts are essential and a complete network of monitoring wells and other accounting methodologies must be employed to ensure that basin water tables are not lowered and that desert waters are not withdrawn to improve project profit margins. Alternative sites should be explored where such negative impacts can be avoided with certainty.

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