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## **AXPC President Comments on EPA Wastewater Study** *Regulations Must Provide Consistency and Prioritize Conservation*

Washington, D.C. – This week, the American Exploration and Production Council (AXPC) offered testimony to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its [Study of Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Management](#). During the EPA’s public meeting to collect feedback on the study, AXPC emphasized the need for innovative solutions to water protection and the regulatory flexibility that is needed if more progress is to be made in this area of study.

AXPC’s testimony noted that outdated regulations are holding back the oil and gas industry from making certain advances water recycling. The comments called for a holistic review of the study that will allow for further innovation in the area of water conservation.

“We want regulation that reflects the importance of conserving water resources, rather than incentivizing their disposal,” said **AXPC President Bruce Thompson**. “AXPC members are looking for pathways for increased regulatory options that protect receiving waters and replace unnecessary restrictions with clear and consistent standards that provide regulatory certainty and aid industry decision-making while fostering innovation. We believe that resource protection need not come at the expense of conservation – particularly given that water availability concerns are no longer confined to the ‘arid West’.”

Click [here](#) to read Mr. Thompson's full comments.

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