

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Applicant: Department of Homeland Security I-8 Checkpoint

Project Title: Operations of DHS I-8 Checkpoint Surface Water Treatment Plant (Project)

Project Location: 728 Interstate 8 W, Pine Valley, California, 91962, Coordinates: 32°47'53.7"N 116°29'47.5"W.

Project County: Imperial

Project Description: The Applicant proposes to alter and operate an existing water treatment system. Alterations would include the addition of a cartridge filtration system to capture debris, activated alumina filtration system for fluoride absorption, and a well pump replacement. Additional components such as pressure gauges, flow meter, turbidity meter, and chlorine analyzer will be installed as well.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a permit amendment for the above-described Project on September 18, 2025. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS: Class 1: Existing Facilities Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because it is the minor alteration and operation of an existing water system and there is no expansion of use. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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