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17 November 2009

Mr. Harold Hartman U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southern California Area Office 40015 Sierra Highway Palmdale, CA 93550

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Mr. Henry Soule U.S. Border Patrol 39701 Avenida de Robles Verdes Boulevard, CA 91905

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Mr. Jeff C. Wright Director, Office of Energy Projects Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Room 6A-01, PJ-1 Washington, DC 20426

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