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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
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5-Mile Zone, D-8580
Bureau of Reclamation
Attn: Ms. Kimber Kirkland
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Denver, Colorado 80225-0007

Dear Ms. Kirkland:

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), provides review comments on the "5-Mile Zone Study Area Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Assessment" dated August 2003. The document is on management of land and water resources.

General Comments:

International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC), oversees application of numerous boundary and water treaties and related agreements between the Governments of the United States and Mexico. Based on Bureau of Reclamation information, the proposed activities will not impact IBWC international boundary and water treaties and agreements, and USIBWC responsibilities.

Specific Comments:

- Page titled "Acronyms and Abbreviations" and elsewhere. Revise "Minute" to "IBWC Minute." Revise the stated "1944 Mexican Water Treaty," to "1944 Water Treaty," as that is the abbreviation for "Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande" signed November 14, 1944.
- Page IV-12. Revise the statement regarding signs to be placed near the international boundary to indicate the location of the boundary. Inform that signs would state that a person is entering the United States, or better, make simple interpretive signs in Spanish and English.
- Page DL-4, Distribution List, Interested Organizations and Individuals. Insert "United States Section" before "International Boundary and Water Commission, Yuma, El Paso, Texas."

If you have questions, please call Environmental Protection Specialist Steve Fox at (915) 832-4736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Echlin".

Douglas Echlin
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